

## Army in Lebanon on alert

Lebanon's 16,000-man armed forces were last night placed in a state of maximum alert in face of mutinies by Moslem rebel forces in various parts of the country.

The Lebanese armed command late last night dispatched a number of units to guard the presidential palace and other vital installations amid rumours of plans by Christian officers to stage a coup.

The rumours of the coup emerged from within the ranks of the Lebanon's Christian-dominated 1,000-man air force, some of whose bases were yesterday besieged by Moslem rebels.

In what appeared to be the last ditch attempt at calming the situation, the commander of the Lebanese armed forces, General Hanna Sa'ed, last night declared an unconditional general amnesty for army defectors who yesterday overran more army bases in northern and southern Lebanon.

Gen. Sa'ed appealed on national television for a united army — "the army of the future Lebanon."

Rebel Moslem troops seized three more strategic military bases yesterday and rival factions in the armed forces went on full alert, each indicating they were ready to stage a coup unless their demands were met.

Premier Rashid Karami warned that Lebanon was heading toward partition as the latest seven-week-old Syrian truce began to crumble before army mutinies and a wave of kidnappings in Beirut.



Rebel Lebanese army leader Lt. Ahmed Khatib (left) with leftist Moslem Nasserite leader, whose gunmen were active in the civil war, seen during their talks at Bachaya military post, nine kms. from Israel's border, which they captured on Tuesday. (AP radiophoto)

The threats of a coup came separately in a letter from the Lebanese army high command and another from the air force commander.

All military barracks, still manned by loyal troops, went on full alert and tanks rumbled into position to guard the presidential palace at Ba'abda, 11 km. southeast of Beirut, high placed government sources said.

Neither statement mentioned directly the possibility of a military coup, but "this was the threat behind them," the sources said.

The Lebanese army high command, recommended in its letter to President Suleiman Franjeh, that (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

## Peres backs settlers in Samaria

By SARAH HONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday came out in support of permitting Gush Emunim settlers to remain at Kadum in Samaria. He was replying to questions put to him by students at Bar-Ilan University yesterday. His declaration met with rousing applause.

The Defence Minister expressed the "hope that a majority will be found in the Government which would support the right of the settlers to remain where they are. I am for it. I can find no logic whatever in the state permitting settlement in Judea but banning it in Samaria. Although I searched in the Bible and historical texts, I could find no distinction made between Judea and Samaria. We have the right to settle in both so long as we do not deprive the Arabs, and take their sensitivities into account."

On the situation in Lebanon, Peres confirmed that according to substantiated information received (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

## Signal to U.S. over firmness by Israel

By DAVID LANDAU  
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Premier Rabin's warning yesterday that Israel will not be browbeaten by Syrian brinkmanship was directed at Washington as well as at Damascus, observers here believed. Mr. Rabin is anxious to convince the U.S. that Israel is prepared to outface Syria — even at the risk of a conflagration — rather than succumb to further Syrian pressure at the time of the UNDOF mandate renewal.

Mr. Rabin is believed to feel that the U.S. is not convinced of Israel's determination last November. For that reason, Mr. Rabin assesses, the U.S. refused Israel's request to veto the Arab-inspired UNDOF Council resolution linking the UNDOF renewal with the holding of a Middle East debate with PLO participation. (The debate was subsequently held in January.)

Messrs. Ford and Kissinger may have estimated, Mr. Rabin fears, that Syria was weaker than Israel to risk war. Therefore they decided to assuage Syria and accede to some of the conditions that Syria was demanding for the renewal of the mandate. Israel's objections to these conditions were in effect brushed aside.

The Premier is determined this time to persuade Washington well in advance that Israel will not allow the UNDOF mandate issue to be exploited by Syria again to its advantage. Israel would rather see UNDOF renewed with the Premier's clear message than have its continued presence used by Syria as a means of exerting diplomatic pressure.

## School lunch programme turned down

By ERMIE MEYER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister yesterday rejected a plan to institute a universal lunch programme for elementary school pupils. The plan was proposed by the Education Minister and the National Insurance Institute as part of plans to introduce the extended education day.

The chief opponents were the Welfare and Finance ministers, who claimed that funds resulting from an increase in National Insurance premiums should be used for social programmes with higher priorities.

Rabin told the Education Minister that he should continue his present experiments with the extended education day and the lunch programmes connected with it. The Premier's decision elicited lengthy discussion of the subject in the Knesset, among educators and sociologists, and in the news media.

## BURG SEES RABIN ON KADUM ISSUE

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, at a meeting with Prime Minister Rabin last night, expressed surprise that circles close to Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, as he put it, demanded immediate evacuation of Kadum while Allon himself was out of the country.

This demand, Israel Radio reported Burg as saying, aimed at creating a coalition crisis, and perhaps even at making an early election necessary. But those who made it, he said, were obviously not aware

of the serious significance it would have both nationally and internationally.

Sources in Jerusalem last night said Burg was concerned over the possibility that Rabin would decide to remove the Kadum settlers as inducement for Mapam to remain in the Alignment. If that happened, Burg might lose his NRP allies in the Cabinet, and NRP leader and former Cabinet member Zerah Warhaftig might gain influence within the NRP, at Burg's expense.

## Rabin warns Syrians on using extortion ploy over the Golan

By ASHER WALLFISH  
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Prime Minister Rabin warned Syria in the Knesset yesterday "not to play with fire." He declared that after the interim agreement with Egypt, Syria should be more anxious for UNDOF to stay on the Golan Heights than was Israel.

Rabin was replying to two motions for the agenda about Arab preparations for war put by Yosef Tamir (Likud) and Amnon Linn (both of Likud) which were voted to committee.

"Israel will oppose the renewal of the UNDOF mandate on May 30 being used by Syria for purposes of political extortion. Their presence is part of the separation of forces agreement. We are well aware that Syria intends to exploit the sensitivity of the world to the

Golan situation," Rabin stated.

The Premier called upon Jordan not to be misled by Syria's policy of trying to create a northeastern front against Israel to replace the now defunct southern front. Syria's policy would not do Jordan any good, he cautioned.

He also called upon all those elements in Lebanon who wanted to preserve a minimum of independence for their country, to consider Syria's position closely.

Syria was following a very extremist policy, he said, in the attempt to line up allies behind it against Israel. Israel had to proceed with sober assurance in its own strength. Rabin said, and there was no call for the opposition in the Knesset to sow confusion.

Tamir said that Syria dreamed of setting up a Greater Syria stretching from the Turkish border

to the Red Sea. Its next objective was a military confrontation with Israel. The axis with Amman and the take-over of Lebanon were all part of the Greater Syria scheme.

Tamir said that Moscow, which backed Syrian expansionists, gave them even more arms than it ever gave to any of its Communist satellites in Eastern Europe.

Linn said it was sad that while the Arabs were preparing for war, the nation was downcast. The problem was that it lacked the sort of leadership which could unify it at such a fateful time.

He charged that Rabin's warnings about Syrian preparations for war had merely thrown the nation into confusion. If the warnings were serious, why had the Government not marshalled the nation in readiness?

Rabin also replied to a motion by Zalman Shoval (Likud) entitled: "Revelations about secret agreements within the framework of the interim agreement which harm Israel's security," which was struck off by 43 votes against 16.

The Premier denied that Israel gave the U.S. any secret commitments whatsoever, for itself or for referral to Egypt, which might be calculated to limit Israel's freedom of action. Shoval had quoted reports that President Sadat of Egypt claimed he had secret commitments from Israel, via the U.S., that Israel would not attack Syria.

Rabin said that Israel was committed to observe the separation of forces accord with Jordan; the ceasefire accord with Jordan; and the interim agreement with Egypt; and was limited in its action only insofar as the other parties observed the accords in letter and spirit. Dr. Kissinger already went on record denying the existence of secret agreements, Rabin said.

Zalman Shoval (Likud) said that according to Sadat's claims, Syria would be able to open a war of attrition against Israel with impunity. Israel would be prevented from taking action according to its own plans, because of the alleged secret agreements between Israel and Egypt, via Dr. Kissinger.

Perhaps Israel's strange inaction as regards events in Lebanon was an outcome of this secret agreement about Syria, Shoval suggested. Shoval called on Rabin to confirm or deny that he had given secret agreements to Dr. Kissinger as regards Syria and the Palestinians. And if he had given such agreement, why was this concealed from the Knesset and the public? The last vestige of Rabin's credibility and the credibility of his country, depended on this, he stated.

## Patrol attacked

A bazooka shell was fired about 6.30 yesterday morning from Lebanese territory at an Israeli Army patrol north of Adamit. There were no casualties and the fire was returned.

## Israeli shot in Denmark

COPENHAGEN. — A 30-year-old Israeli was shot in the head and both legs on a beach near here on Tuesday night, police said yesterday. The condition of the unnamed man was serious. No further details were available. (Reuters)

## Sterling plunges another three cents

LONDON. — Britain's pound sterling plunged another three cents yesterday to a new all-time low against the U.S. dollar. The dollar gained strength on the European continent.

The pound closed at \$1.9130, down from \$1.9415 24 hours earlier and \$1.9275 on Monday.

It briefly hit a new record low of \$1.9070, yesterday, then rose slightly before the close.

Sterling has now lost more than 11 cents or some 5 1/2 per cent of its value against the dollar since last Thursday, when the decline started. (AP, Reuters)

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## Three more councils resign in West Bank

By ANAN SAFADI  
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The West Bank entered its worst crisis since 1967 when three more municipal councils submitted their resignations to the military government last night. They were protesting what they termed the "crushing" of student demonstrations against attempts by Jewish groups to pray at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, site of Al-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

The councils which quit last night were those in Ramallah, El-Bireh and Bir Zeit. The resignations were announced late last night by the three mayors: Karim Khalaf, Ahmed Darwish and Ya'acoub Zayadeh, respectively.

The move follows last Sunday's resignation of the municipal council in Nablus whose acting mayor Adel Shakra declared that local Arab leaders have decided to cease co-operating with the authorities unless the latter undertake to annul a Jerusalem Magistrate Court ruling permitting Jews to pray on the Temple Mount; ban Jewish settlement in the West Bank and prohibit troops from chasing student demonstrators inside their classes.

Nablus Mayor Haj Ma'azouz al-Ma'az yesterday returned from a visit to Jordan and Egypt and immediately approved his council's decision to resign.

Nablus yesterday witnessed two explosions in the centre of the town but there were no casualties or damages. Shots were heard following the second blast which occurred late in the evening but no details were made available. There was an explosion also in the town of Jenin late yesterday evening.

Nablus was yesterday partially paralyzed by a four-day business and school unrest which has spread

to other West Bank towns including Tulkarm and Jericho as well as the Ramallah district, where the three municipal councils resigned.

Yesterday's walkout followed the dispersion by security forces of a violent student demonstration at the Bir Zeit College. Fourteen students were reported injured and five arrested there.

The college staff last night declared a four-day strike in protest of the "invasion" by troops of the college premises, including the student hostel. The staff further demanded the release of all West Bank students arrested in recent demonstrations, plus a IL50,000 compensation for material damage alleged to have been caused by troops inside the Bir Zeit College.

Meanwhile, the Judea and Samaria Command was last night reported to be considering appointing committees, headed by army officers, to replace the outgoing municipal councils pending the elections which are due to be held throughout the West Bank on April 12. It was not clear by last night whether current developments in the West Bank would have any effect on the plans to hold these elections.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday said that he still hoped that Jews and Arabs would be able to achieve coexistence in the area. He noted that Jewish settlements in the West Bank were being set up on sites which never necessitated the evacuation of local Arabs. With regard to the Temple Mount controversy, Peres said that there was a Supreme Court ruling which prohibited Jewish prayers there.

Peres made the remarks during a tour of Safit and Ya'abed in the Nablus district.

## Ford routs Reagan, Carter whips Wallace

MIAMI. — President Ford won Florida's Republican presidential primary election on Tuesday night, beating Ronald Reagan where the conservative challenger once seemed strong. And Georgia's Jimmy Carter vaulted back to the vanguard of the Democratic presidential field with a victory over Alabama governor George C. Wallace.

For Carter, it was a triumph in what had been Wallace country. For Ford, it was a major stride toward the Republican presidential nomination he had said all along he would win.

The final vote count was Ford: 62 per cent, Reagan: 47 per cent. The final Democratic presidential vote was Carter: 34 per cent; Wallace: 31; Jackson: 24; Shapp: 2; Udall: 2; and Bayh: 1.

Reagan's fourth loss in a row in the statewide primary elections

has seriously deflated his bid to deny President Ford the Republican Party nomination.

But the former California governor insisted, after losing to Ford, that he would continue in the race and still be a contender at the party's nomination convention next August.

The big loser in Florida's Democratic primary was George Wallace, governor of neighbouring Alabama. Four years ago, Florida was the scene of a major Wallace triumph, a 42 per cent presidential primary victory over the whole Democratic field.

This time Florida belonged to another southerner, Jimmy Carter, and that undercut Wallace's regional political base. The result could be the beginning of the undoing of Wallace as a force in national Democratic politics. (AP)

## Won't spend more than what's budgeted, Rabinowitz warns

By DAVID KRIVINE  
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"We shall not — under any circumstances — spend more than the budget permits," Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz said in Jerusalem yesterday.

This ruling spells a clear no to the Defence Ministry which is calling for an extra IL1,000m. for anticipated cost increases during the year; to the Histadrut, which wants a bigger budget for food subsidies; and to the civil servants, who expect a wage increase.

A major effort will be concentrated on promoting exports, and stepping up investment in export industries. The Minister made two important announcements in this connection:

• Avigdor Bartel, managing director of the Haifa Refineries and one of Israel's leading industrialists, has been appointed director of the Investment Authority. He is expected to remain as chairman of the Refineries.

• Elmer Winter, of the U.S., president of the American Jewish Committee, has consented to head an investment drive among businessmen in the U.S.

An Economic Council is being

formed to comprise business leaders at home and abroad as well as representatives of the Government. It will have two sub-committees, one for mobilising investments, the other for expanding exports. The former will be headed (on the Israeli side) by Rabinowitz himself, the latter by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Bar-Lev.

Speaking of the defence budget, Rabinowitz reassured the military authorities that although the general cost-of-living index is predicted to rise by 32 per cent this year, the average cost increase facing the budget will not exceed the predicted 25 per cent by more than 2 or 3 per cent.

Concerning subsidies, he was firm that only IL1,600m. has been allocated, and that is the sum which will be disbursed. Discussions are going on with the Histadrut on how to apply the cuts, which must lead to an appreciable price increase for basic foodstuffs.

As to the civil servants, the Minister deplored the "lamentable clause introduced, late in the day, into the 1972 wage agreement," which allowed the negotiation of the "special-function allowances." This has led to a serious act of erosion on

the wage front.

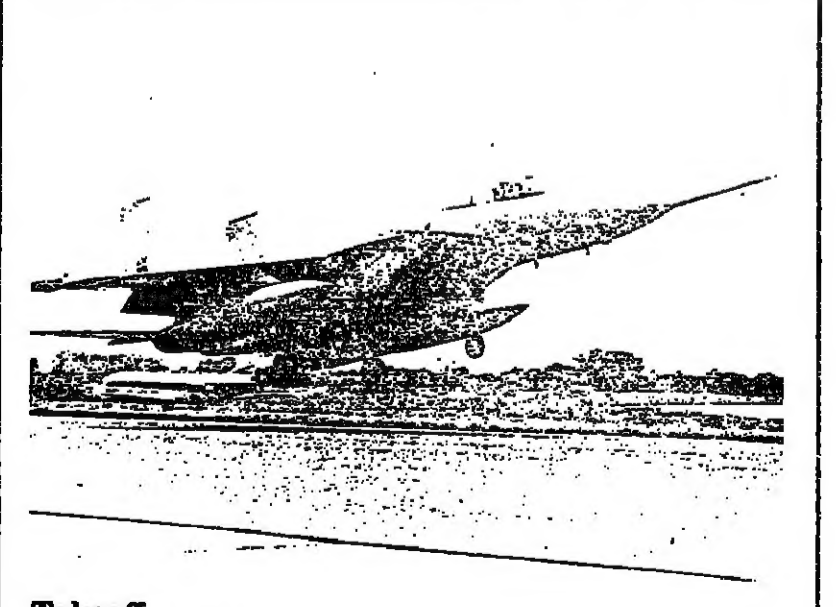
He pointed out, smiling, that the signature of Histadrut secretary-general Yehuda Meisel "glistens shiningly next to that of the Finance Minister" on a memorandum which appoints the Barkay committee, and accepts its conclusions in advance.

Rabinowitz called on the Histadrut and the civil servants to understand the gravity of the situation. "The Barkai report (that recommends abolishing the allowance) is a protective barrier, without which our economic plans could collapse," he warned.

Questioned about the aircrews of El Al, he commented, "Whatever decision is taken on net wages for the services in general will apply equally to El Al."

He had opened the press conference with a recital of achievements to date. In all sectors there is an improvement. Exports, tourism and industrial investment are up; imports, the trade gap and building activity are down; and prices are rising more slowly. He is confident that exports will go on increasing this year — as they have been doing (by 15-18 per cent) since last October.

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## Takeoff .....

...by the F-15: Hirsch Goodman sees the plane at the McDonnell Douglas plant in St. Louis, Mo.

Collision in Galilee: Yosef Goell examines the problem of the expropriation of Arab-owned land for the industrial development of the region.

Playtime thinking: Helga Dudman is introduced to some of the brain-games being produced by the Or-Da Company.

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair  
Weather synopsis: A ridge from Central Europe to the eastern Mediterranean and Egypt.

|               | Yesterday's | Today's | Tomorrow's |
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| Jerusalem     | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Golan         | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Safed         | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Haifa Port    | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Tiberias      | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Nazareth      | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Afula         | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Shchem        | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Tel Aviv      | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| B.G. Airport  | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Jericho       | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Gaza          | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Beersheba     | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
| Eilat         | 60-70       | 60-70   | 60-70      |
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## Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Arya Ben-Zion, director of the National Maritime Museum in Haifa, who presented him with a copy of his book "Ships and Ports of the Mediterranean." The President also received a group of more than 100 neighborhood volunteers, who held a seminar on volunteer work at the President's residence.

Ya'acov Shimon, ambassador-designate to Switzerland was received by the President.

President Katzir also received the artist Yossef Berger, who presented him with a copy of the autobiography of his father, Yiddish writer Melech Ravitch. The book has recently been translated into Hebrew.

Ora Namur, M.K., met yesterday at the Knesset with members of the UJA National Women's Division, led by Harriet Zimmerman of Atlanta, Georgia.

Joseph Belsky, president of the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen of the North America, called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu yesterday. Mr. Yeshayahu also met with members of the presidium of the Israel Artists and Small Manufacturers' Association.

David Ades has been elected acting president of the Haifa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, succeeding Joseph Rosh.

The annual David Yellin Memorial Lecture, in memory of the first principal of the David Yellin Teachers' College in Jerusalem, will take place at the college at 11 a.m. today. The topic: "Reminiscences of the Tachkemoni School — a Chapter of Jerusalem's Educational History."

"Does Lack of Jewish and Zionist Consciousness Cause Emigration From Israel?" is the question Rabbi Ya'acov Vainstein will put before the Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper at 8.30 Friday evening at Beit Ha'am. Also participating will be Eliezer Shumeli, who will talk on "Social Problems in Education," and Yehuda Keel, who will discuss "The Scroll of Esther." The newspaper will be moderated by Yehiel Limor.

Mr. Alex Stanton, chairman of Brith Shalom Foundation of Philadelphia, which is building the Beth Hachaim Soldiers' Rehabilitation Centre in Haifa, and Mrs. Stanton were received by Mayor Yeruham Zeisel yesterday.

The Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Yafo will hold management elections at its meeting at the ZOIA House, at 1.15 today.

## ARRIVALS

Mr. Kurt Sittig of New York, to open the Sittig dental clinic in Lod.

## Two killed at chemicals plant

BEERSHEBA. — Two workers were killed in an accident at the Machteshim chemical plant yesterday after a man entered a basement pit used in the manufacture of phosphorus for agricultural purposes. A number of his workmates went to his aid, but some of them were overcome by fumes.

Five Machteshim workers and two Beersheba firemen were injured. Two of the workers died later in the Beersheba government hospital. They were Yosef Dahan, 46, a father of 12, and a Beduin, Abu Keren Muhammad ben Azal, 26, who had five children. Two of the injured are still in a serious condition, and one is out of danger.

Access to the pit is normally forbidden without a special permit from the duty safety officer. It is known that the man who entered the pit had not obtained a permit, and his motive remains a mystery at this stage.

The pit is fenced off and surrounded by a chain and kept airtight as a precaution against explosions by the circulation of a mixture of CO and nitrogen.

The installation has been in use for 22 years, and this is the first incident of its kind.

ESCAPE ARTIST Nahman Parkas, arrested Monday as he romped nude among graves at the Rosh Pina Cemetery's Military plot, was released on ILA 1000 bail yesterday and ordered to report to any police station on the first day of every month.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of my beloved husband, our father, brother, and grandfather

**MOSHE AYALON** ז"ל

son of Rabbi Yaakov Hershelkovich who passed away at the age of fifty, after a long illness.

The Mourning Family

# Eliezer Shiloni chosen as new tax chief

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Eliezer Shiloni has been nominated Commissioner of Income Tax. This was announced by Finance Minister Rabinowitz at his press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. The appointment will be submitted for confirmation to the Cabinet next Sunday.

Mr. Shiloni was the candidate favoured by staff members of the department when they opposed the recruitment of an outsider. Yitzhak Mann, the post in April of last year. They agreed in the end to accept Mann, provided Shiloni was promoted to Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Mann resigned last month, reportedly because he was not allowed sufficient powers of decision.

Mr. Shiloni, 60, was born in Vilna. He settled here in 1936, and started work with the police. In 1961 he transferred to the Income Tax Department, where he has been ever since originally as a specialist in investigations.

He has two sons, one a doctor, the other a lawyer.

Yisroel Friedler reports from Haifa.

Mr. Shiloni was introduced to the public by his outgoing predecessor, Yitzhak Mann, at the Rotary meeting in the city yesterday. For a start, Mr. Mann noted that Shiloni would have to collect IL3 billion in income tax in the 1978 fiscal year as against the IL16 billion target for this year.

After the Rotary meeting, Mr. Shiloni was pressed by newsmen for a statement. He said: "I hope I shall have the strength to insist on principles that must not be waived, the courage to waive those that are less essential, and the understanding to differentiate between the two."

He believed that keeping books was the key to proper tax payments and thought that there had been a definite improvement in the pub-

lic's good will and tax-paying morality since the reforms were introduced.

He would not commit himself to an estimate of the "black capital" in the country, and thought that no exact estimate was possible. The fight to eliminate this capital was one of his essential jobs.

Outgoing commissioner Mann told the Rotarians that "the importance of honest income tax payments goes far beyond the government's need to raise billions of pounds. It affects the very quality of life and will determine whether this country is worth living in."

"What is happening in our society now, the protection rackets, the violence, the increase in drug-taking, was in a large measure caused by the billions of pounds of 'black capital' and the parallel market that is running wild in Israel."

He said that "the public must take the stand that paying honest taxes is no less a national duty than doing reserve duty, which no one tries to evade, much less flaunt as a clever trick."

Mr. Mann refused to comment on the reasons for his resignation, but remarked with some bitterness that "since I tendered my resignation bearer bonds have gone up on the Tel Aviv Exchange."

Mr. Mann promised that in the 1975 declarations, every taxpayer would be able to declare "unexplained capital." Those who did so would be welcomed by the authorities as "repenters" and no action would be taken against them.

Asked how the problem of the taxes of airline pilots and seamen would be solved, Mr. Mann said he was certain that the tax reform would be applied to them as well on April 1. How El Al and the shipping companies would overcome the added costs, was another question, he said.



Dr. Hans Guenther Suhl, left, who arrived here yesterday at the head of a 13-member delegation of German industrialists, being greeted by Avraham Shavit, president of the Manufacturers' Association (IIPA).

## Leaders of German industry arrive

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Fifteen leading West German industrialists, led by the Dr. Guenther Suhl, head of the Federal German Industrialists' Association, arrived in Israel yesterday for a week's visit to explore prospects for expanding trade. The party, who come as guests of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, will meet with him, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev.

Dr. Suhl told reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport that as Germany is interested in increasing its trade with all countries, the delegation had also visited Egypt. Asked about the

Arab boycott, he stressed that it was indeed a problem, and said the group had raised it with the Arabs. The latter, he said, had praised to find ways of moderating the trade ban.

The German industrialists were received at the airport by the head of the Manufacturers' Association, Avraham Shavit. Mr. Shavit told reporters that they were the leading industrialists in Germany. He added that, with Israel now in the very limited club of technology-sophisticated countries, it should prove possible to interest the Germans in its electronics and metals industries. (Itm)

## IL230,000 daylight hold-up in T.A.

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two employees of the Rehov Balfour Kupat Holim Maccahi clinic have been robbed in the street on Tuesday while on their way to deposit IL230,000 at a nearby bank, it was learned yesterday.

Security officer Eliahu Gletmann, 57, and Carmela Shiloni had left the clinic about 3.30 Tuesday afternoon, with Gletmann holding a briefcase containing IL33,000 in cash and IL150,000 in cheques. Several minutes' walk from the office, a young man walked up behind Gletmann and struck him on the side of the head with his fist. As

Gletmann stood stunned, the attacker wrenched the briefcase from his hand, ran towards a motor scooter parked nearby and raced off. Gletmann and Mrs. Shiloni made their way back to the clinic, from which they called police.

As the cheques were made out to the sick-fund rather than to the customary Israeli "myself," they are virtually valueless to the thief. A spokesman for the fund said yesterday that it was customary for the two clinic employees to leave each morning to make a deposit at a Rehov Allenby bank. But they had generally varied the hours to avoid such incidents as occurred on Tuesday.

## Beirut hints of coup

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the government put "an immediate and radical end to the current events."

Political sources interpreted the letter as a stiff warning that if the recommendation was not acted upon, the army might move itself.

The other letter, signed by the Air Force commander, demanded the speedy formation of Karami's still snagged government of "national balance," a general amnesty for army deserters as a way of ending the leftist mutiny and the implementation of political reforms agreed to as part of last month's Syrian-mediated peace settlement, the sources said.

In the countryside, a growing force of rebel Moslem troops led

by Lt. Ahmed Khatib seized three more strategic military posts including the garrison at Marjayoun, the largest base guarding Lebanon's southern frontier with Israel.

Marjayoun fell at dusk after a two-hour battle. The commander and some of his officers managed to escape, military sources said. Shortly afterwards, Palestine Liberation Army units moved in and took the barracks over from the leftists, witnesses said.

That left Khatib's forces still controlling four barracks, three in the south and one near the northern port of Tripoli, which effectively extended their control from north-eastern Bekka valley base north and south over two-thirds of the 4,000-square mile country.

By nightfall, they were still besieging two others, the southern barracks at Nabatieh and Terbol, but were meeting "stiff resistance" from loyalist troops, military sources said.

In another development, an army unit from a Beirut suburb mutilated and escaped north to join Khatib's forces. Along the way they clashed with loyalist troops guarding a transmitting station for radio Lebanon at Amstheet, the sources said.

In Beirut, gunmen manned roadblocks in some sectors of a rash of kidnappings. Police sources said about 40 persons were kidnapped yesterday.



Eliezer Shiloni

## Allon to see K tomorrow on end-of-war

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon is due to hand over to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger tomorrow the Israeli Government's draft study on the meaning of "an end to the state of war" between states.

Informed diplomatic sources here said yesterday that legal experts in Israel, including Avraham Barak and Meir Rosenne, had written a paper on the meaning of the phrase, as seen by Israel. Kissinger would be given the study, the sources said, and Israel would ask for U.S. reaction to it.

The study, written during the past three weeks — following the Israeli Cabinet's resolution authorizing Washington to explore such agreements with Egypt, Syria and Jordan — was rather lengthy and detailed. U.S. legal experts in the State Department will analyze it carefully before discussing it with Arab officials, the sources added.

Allon arrives in Washington tonight from a Central America tour of several nations including Mexico. He is due to remain in Washington tonight and tomorrow before continuing to New York. He stops off in London next week on his way home. Allon's political adviser, Eliahu Hassin, arrived in Washington yesterday to help with preparations for the visit.

## 'U.S. accelerating weapons race'

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he reiterated Israel's objections, and then repeated them a third time on March 5.

Rabin said that Israel's debate with the U.S. over the plan to sell arms to Egypt was "a bitter debate" simply because the U.S. was Israel's best friend in the world.

The four motions were presented by Yehuda Ben-Meir (N.R.P.), Haim Landau (Likud), Yehuda Shari (I.L.P.) and Meir Pa'il (Moked). Nobody voted against. The New Communists abstained without requesting the right to speak.

Yehuda Ben-Meir (N.R.P.) said that Sadat needs American weapons for two purposes only: to threaten Israel and to assault Israel when the time came.

He said that this was virtually the first time since Israel became a state that the U.S. had decided to sell arms to Egypt. Not even John Foster Dulles, in his day, had been persuaded to sell arms to Egypt in order to woo that country away from the Soviet sphere of influence.

Ben-Meir claimed that his National Religious Party had not and did not support the Cabinet consensus to probe prospects for an end-of-state-of-war initiative. He also attacked Premier Rabin for his castigation of the Gush Emunim settlers.

Haim Landau (Likud) said the U.S. Administration was pro-Arab and anti-Israel. It hoped to dictate withdrawals to Israel which would enable the creation of a Palestine state in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Landau said the Government had pretended all along that America had no intention of selling arms to Egypt, and so took no action to prevent such a serious development. Finally, when the Government woke up, it found itself in a position in which the U.S. Administration was already carrying out an arms sales programme.

He said that Israel and Jews abroad must campaign with full force, not merely to prevent U.S. arms sales to Egypt, but to alter Washington's present anti-Israel policies. To that end, Landau urged, the nation needed a strong national leadership.

Yehuda Shari (Independent Likud Party) said that by the end of 1976 that Arab states would have received some \$18,000m. over a mere three-year period.

Shari said the U.S. was thwarting its own policy of preventing war in the Middle East by its new plan to sell Sadat weaponry. He said the Arabs were tempted by their own political, economic and military strength into dreams of destroying Israel: the more arms they got, the less they thought of talking peace.

Meir Pa'il (Moked) said his three predecessors were all hysterical. He warned them that they were merely driving the U.S. further away, weakening Israel-U.S. amity, and endangering future U.S. arms supplies to Israel.

"Israel's answer to the Soviet missiles should not be the Pershing missiles, but astuteness, military originality, and a comprehensive Israeli peace policy," Pa'il said.

## Haiti-Israeli culture pact signed

A cultural-exchange treaty between the governments of Haiti and Israel was signed yesterday in the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, with Ambassador Musset Pierre-Jerome representing the Haitian government and Abba Gefen, director of the Foreign Ministry's division for cultural and scientific relations, signing for Israel. The treaty covers education, culture, and science.

IN THE KNESSET

## 'Too many want white-collar children'

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's industrial growth is lagging, and too many young people take jobs in the services only because there is a dire shortage of good vocational secondary schools, MK Shoshana Arbeli-Almouino told the Knesset yesterday. She was speaking in a motion for the agenda which was voted to committee.

Pointing to a near-standstill in the expansion of vocational-training facilities for high-schoolers, Mrs. Arbeli cited Switzerland where, she said, 75 per cent of all secondary school students are enrolled in

vocational and technical courses. "In Israel," she declared, "only 47 per cent of our boys and girls are being given this vital training. And even among this small number, too many are being prepared for clerical jobs and too few for employment in production and assembly lines in the electronic, mechanical and printing industries, where they are so badly needed."

Refusing to place all the blame on the Education Ministry, Mrs. Arbeli chided Israeli parents for "assigning too much importance to purely academic courses for their children after the primary grades."

This trend is also evident among Israeli Arabs, she said, warning that the difficulties Arab high-school graduates encounter when they look for jobs "only leads to deep resentment and lingering frustration."

In his reply, Education Minister Aharon Yadin acknowledged that the ratio of vocational-school pupils to academic ones is substantially lower in Israel than in Western Europe.

He said the Education Ministry intends to hold meetings "this year" with industry leaders in order to work out plans for more vocational training.

KNESSET BRIEFS

## Golan buses and phones

GOLAN HEIGHTS settlers have been receiving poorer and more expensive Egged bus services since the Yom Kippur War, the Knesset Labour Committee said this week, in a set of findings on Golan development projects. They also suffer from faulty telephone services, unreliable connections with the overseas exchange (18); and they must pay excessive rental fees for extension lines to their shelters, the committee found.

abroad, Yadin said, because it is not any cheaper there.

FOLLOWING a visit to Tel Kabir, near Jaffa, MK Chaim Grossman (Alignment-Mapam) asked the Interior Minister who was responsible for building a new neighbourhood without providing residents with such facilities as a post office, a youth club and a supermarket. Tel Kabir, established about five years ago, houses more than 15,000 people, she said.

WHY HAS NO legal action been taken against the builders of Jerusalem's Plaza Hotel for having added an entire storey to the building without a permit, Mrs. Grossman's fellow Mapam faction member Dov Eshkol asked Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

He also asked why several localities with populations exceeding 30,000 have not yet appointed controllers, as required by law.

HOSPITALS MAKE patients wait as long as two years in the queue for operations, Shmuel Tamir (Likud) charged on Tuesday in the Public Services Committee, discussing his motion for the agenda on the hospital situation. Health Minister Victor Shemtov denied that there was any wastage or redundancy in Israel's hospital system.

## Twice as many alcoholics

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

It's a mistake to think alcoholism is not a problem here, Health Minister Victor Shemtov told members of the Knesset Services Committee this week.

The number of first hospital admissions for alcoholism has risen from 76 in 1968 to 144 last year, the Minister said. "We are not certain, however, whether this 100-per-cent increase represents a true increase in alcoholics or is due to greater alertness to the problem by society," he added.

Mr. Shemtov revealed that 70 per cent of the new cases in Israel are among Jews from Islamic countries. One third of them are of Yemenite origin, he said. The average age of the patients is 44.

With increasing awareness of the problem more and more people are crossing the thin line between steady social drinking and problem drinking, the minister said. There is no comprehensive research on the problem in Israel yet, he complained, adding that Israel also lacks an active organization for the rehabilitation of alcoholics comparable to Alcoholics Anonymous.

## Capital water costs more

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Interior Minister Yosef Burg admitted in the Knesset yesterday that Jerusalemites are continuing to pay more for their water than other Israelis. But he said — in reply to a motion for the agenda by MK Haim Shimon — that he has been meeting with Agriculture Minister Avraham Litzan to find ways of equalizing water rates all over the country.

According to Dr. Burg, the higher rates being paid by Jerusalem residents are the result of the high cost of bringing tap water to the Capital. He added that the rates would be even higher were it not for payment being made to Mekorot Water Company by the Water Equalization Fund, to help offset Jerusalem's higher costs.

As for water charges that must be paid by the Jerusalem Municipality for the water it uses for municipal purposes, Dr. Burg told the House his Ministry has undertaken to cover the difference between the per-cubic-meter water rate paid by the Municipality and that paid by other local authorities.

## 2 NRP factions join forces

TEL AVIV. — Two factions of the NRP — that headed by Social Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer and MK Yehuda Ben Meir, and the one headed by MK Zerah Warhaftig — joined yesterday to form a new group, mustering 37 per cent of the party's convention votes.

A group called Leshmuni ("For Change"), comprising university staff members, also joined the new faction, called "the Movement for National Religious Revival." The faction headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, which controls 27 per cent of the party's convention votes, has thus been relegated to second place within the NRP.

The leaders of the new faction said last night it was their intention to work for elimination of factionalism within the party, and to create a new leadership of both the old and the young. (Itm)



Children throughout the country, in kindergartens and schools, are preparing this week for Purim, which falls next Tuesday. Children at a kindergarten in Katamon, Jerusalem, are seen making masks. (Rahamin Israeli)

## Peres backs settlers

(Continued from page 1)

by the Government, Moslem deserters from the Lebanese Army have taken control of some outposts near the border with Israel.

Peres stressed that the situation in Lebanon is still very unstable. In effect, there is no Government there now and all sides are continuing to amass arms.

He expressed "deep anxiety" regarding U.S. arms sales, "not merely to Egypt but also to countries such as Kuwait or Saudi Arabia. The Arabs are now putting through orders for \$17,000m. worth of weapons. Two-thirds of this is from the West. Libya has become an arsenal of Eastern bloc weaponry and Saudi Arabia of U.S. arms," he said.

Peres said that when the Arab states speak of peace and of the rights of the Palestinians, they mean to destroy Israel from within by having it absorb a million Palestinians in the pre-1967 borders.

Turning to his Ministry's feud with the Treasury over the size of the defence budget, Peres contended that in real terms the defence budget had not increased although the IDF did grow. We must constantly wrestle with inflation when

putting together the defence budget and I certainly would not wish to see us confined by inflation and have the results dictated to us by inflation," he said.

One of the university's economic professors asked Peres if it would not be more profitable to invest the additional IL1,000m. requested by the Defence Ministry, in education and welfare projects which in the long-term have significant implications regarding the national defence posture. Peres replied that he is all for "long range investments in defence, but that the budget must be such as to enable the country to meet far more immediate dangers. We could save considerable sums by increased efficiency and economy in a good many sectors and education and welfare are no exception."

## Blast kills mine-dealers

ASHDOD. — Two north Sinai Beduin who apparently earned their living by digging up Israeli mines and selling them to terrorists lost their lives on Tuesday night when their truck ran over a mine near Kadesh Barnea in Sinai.

The two — Grahama and Mussa Salman Erdjide — belonged to the Sarabin tribe. Two men who had been in the truck with them and were uninjured by the explosion — Shlomo Juma and Srida and Salomon Salman — were held for questioning.

The authorities believe that the four had traded in mines, and had set out that evening to load the truck with mines they had disarmed in the Kadesh Barnea area. (Itm)

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## Housewives queue, but 'no panic buying'

# Histadrut clash with gov't on subsidy cut

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

TEL AVIV. — Fears of price rises in basic foodstuffs because of the coming cut in subsidies and the rumours of a significant devaluation after the drop in subsidies have led to a modest buying spree by Israeli housewives. In the wake of a statement by the Histadrut yesterday that it would oppose price rises of more than 25 per cent in basic foodstuffs, some supermarkets have limited their customers' purchases of certain articles.

But spokesmen for all three major supermarket organizations in the country were unanimous that the increased demand for basic food supplies did not amount to panic buying. None of them anticipated shortages, though some difficulty in getting the goods to the shops from the warehouses quickly enough was being experienced.

The Histadrut's acceptance of a 25 per cent rise may lead to a clash with the government which wants to slash food subsidies from April 1. The subsidy cuts will result in 35-50 per cent rises in the prices of bread, sugar, milk, eggs and 10 other essential commodities.

Part of the increase will be offset by a rise due with the May 1 pay cheques, which is meant to compensate employees for price rises up to the end of March.

Shmuel Bahat, of the Histadrut central committee, said yesterday that if no agreement is reached with the Treasury on the extent of the price increases, the issue will be discussed next Wednesday in the Alignment's resolutions committee, which comprises seven ministers, seven members of the Histadrut central committee, and seven other prominent party members.

A group of 13 Alignment MKs has appealed to Prime Minister Rabin to intervene personally with the Treasury and hold off any increases in basic food commodities until after Pessah.

## Capital firm offers to employ sacked Friedman workers

**By AARON SITTNER**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Most of the 108 production workers dismissed last month by Jerusalem's S. Friedman refrigerator and washing machine company may soon be at work in another metal-goods plant in the Capital.

Avner Peretz, owner of Peretz Company and himself a former worker at Friedman, yesterday offered to hire the laid-off workers and even to continue paying them the fringe benefits they had accrued at Friedman by virtue of their seniority there.

He said Peretz, which manufactures radiators and water boiler casings, could employ "even a thousand" more workers if it succeeded in tenders for defence pro-

## Four more held in Haifa Arab students' row

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

HAIFA. — Four Arab students suspected of having confined and threatened a fellow-Arab student for having fulfilled his obligation to guard his Haifa University dormitory were yesterday remanded for four days by the Magistrate's Court here, bringing the number of Arab students held in the case to six.

The four — who gave themselves up after learning that police were seeking them — are Omar 'Ubeid, Beshara Ajami, Minder Salame and Walid Salame. They are suspected of having made threats of violence against former Border policeman Ahmed Kozali at the university dormitories last February, while pushing and spitting on him for his political views.

The police representative yesterday told Magistrate Eran Savir that the incident followed a stormy party at the dormitories. He said some 15 students would be questioned in the case.

The students' counsel said the complainant had been seen in his clients' company since the incident and maintained the incident had not involved violence.

The University Arab Students' Committee (which has refused to join the Students' Association) yesterday issued a statement saying the dispute with Kozali had been exaggerated and used to foment tension by the Association. "Such provocations will not isolate us, nor break up our unity, nor will it harm relations between Jewish and Arab students," they said.

## Search for taxi that held killers

**By ARTHUR KEMELMAN**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — Police are trying to locate a taxi that picked up Claude Elbaz before he was killed Monday night to find out if his killers were also in it.

Elbaz, 19, was found in Jaffa's flea market at midnight bleeding profusely from a bullet wound in his stomach. He was rushed to Donolo hospital by a passer-by, and died on the operating table.

Despite Elbaz's criminal past — he had been involved in several burglaries — police denied flea market rumours that he was killed in a "settling of accounts."

The taxi, according to Elbaz's mother, carried several people whom Elbaz evidently knew. The taxi pulled up at the Elbaz home about 10 p.m. Monday, and one of the passengers got out and called to Claude to come down. He left the apartment and entered the taxi, and that was the last time Mrs. Elbaz saw her son alive, she said. He was one of four sons.



Rumania's visiting Foreign Trade Minister, Nicolae M. Nicolae, right, with Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev during their talks yesterday.

## Israel, Rumania talk on expanding trade

**Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter**

Trade talks opened in Jerusalem yesterday between Nicolae M. Nicolae, Rumania's Minister of Foreign Trade and International Cooperation, and Haim Bar-Lev, Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry. Discussions will continue today on expanding economic co-operation between the two countries.

Mr. Nicolae called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and was entertained to lunch by Yisrael Yeshe-yahu, Speaker of the Knesset. The delegation comprises nine Rumanian officials (including four from Nicolae's Ministry, one from the Foreign Affairs Ministry, two from the Ministry of Industries and one from the Ministry of Agriculture). They were Bar-Lev's guests at dinner in the evening.

The mission will visit industrial plants, and tour development projects in the Negev, where their host will be Mordchai Maklef, managing director of Israel Chemicals.

## Katzir buys 200 tickets in soldiers' drive

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday launched the annual Soldiers Welfare Society's lottery drive, buying the first 200 tickets himself. On hand were members of the General Staff and leaders of the society from all over the country.

President Katzir had words of high praise for the society's work which, he said, creates a link of brotherhood between soldiers and civilians. The society works with endless devotion, both in time of war and during peace time, to make conditions of military service more tolerable.

One of the major projects of the society is the establishment of rest and rehabilitation centres. The existing four centres will provide 300,000 rest days for soldiers, in six-day sessions, during the May 25 to October 15 season this year.

Proceeds of the lottery drive will help build three new residences and a swimming pool in these centres, officials of the society said.

In addition, the society operates hostels for soldiers and roadside canteens — several new ones are in the process of being opened, at the Tel Aviv Country Club junction, at Rosh Pina and at Kiryat Shmona — and provides various services to soldiers at the frontier. (Itim)

## Phone links to Jerusalem cut

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Telephone and telex communications to and from Jerusalem were severely disrupted yesterday after a vehicle presumed to be a tractor damaged a trunk cable in the La-trun area.

The incident occurred about 2.30 p.m., and engineers at the scene said at 8.30 last night that "service could be expected to be back to normal in about an hour."

ABOUT 1,000 cyclists are expected to take part in a three-day training and sightseeing meet in Haifa during Pessah, from April 18 to 20. The event is organized by the Cyclists Association and is intended to condition its members' leg muscles with some uphill peddling.

## Severed fingers re sewn

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

SAFAD. — In the first operation of its kind in Israel an accident victim has had two fingers — almost completely severed by an electric saw — fully reconnected to his hand by micro-surgery at the Rebecca Siev Hospital here.

Yisrael Ben-Harush, who lost the fingers while at work at the Sefen plywood factory in the Jordan Valley 10 days ago, said yesterday that he can already feel the fingers and even move them a little.

Ben-Harush, 35, was brought from Foriya Hospital to the micro-surgery department at Siev with the two fingers connected to the hand only by bits of skin. (A third finger was completely severed). In an eight-hour operation, Hungarian-born surgeon Lybia Warschauer restored the fingers, reconnecting the bones, muscles, nerves and blood-vessels with the help of an electron microscope and a needle a tenth of a millimetre thick.



Leaders of the Druze community, headed by Sheikh Amin Tarif and Knesset Member Jaber Mu'adi, met yesterday with Education Minister Aharon Yadin in Jerusalem to discuss education plans for children of the Druze. They asked the Minister, among other things, to establish separate high schools for Druze girls.

## Mapam discusses place in Alignment 'Areas can split nation'

**By SRAYA SHAPIRO**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — The issue which will split the nation is the future of the territories, said Imri Ron, co-secretary of the Kibbutz Artzi (Hashomer Hatzair) movement, at yesterday's session of the organization's political committee. It was the task of Mapam, he went on, to exercise enough influence on the Labour Party to counter the Rafi pressures and thus make a political settlement possible.

The committee is currently discussing Mapam's place in the Alignment, as well as hammering out its plan for peace.

According to Ron, Premier Rabin follows the Mapam line, and should be encouraged. But Ron agreed with

## Spanish branch for World Sephardi group

The World Sephardi Federation has opened a branch in Spain, according to Solomon A. Seruya of the organization's Israel Executive. Seruya was a member of the Federation's delegation which visited Spain recently and which was received by King Juan Carlos.

Seruya, a new immigrant to Israel and formerly Finance Minister in Gibraltar, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the newly expanded Jewish community in Spain is vital and well organized.

The present Spanish Jewish community now numbers about 10,000, having been swelled from the previous number of 2,000 20 years ago by an influx from Spanish Morocco.

## Soccer Preview / Paul Kohn

## Top three all away from home

**By PAUL KOHN**  
**Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — The first three teams in the National League all play away games this Saturday, with leaders Beersheba Hapoel facing the toughest test, against Haifa Hapoel in Kiryat Haifa.

Beersheba Hapoel have been going great guns in recent weeks, opening a five-points gap at the top of the table and looking like champions for the second season running. Several of their players have gained places in the national team as the Negev side has risen in stature.

After looking serious championship challengers early in the season, Haifa Hapoel have turned into a lacklustre team. They have scored only 18 goals in 22 games. But the Haifa defence has the best record in the league, having conceded only 13 goals. Last week they drew 0:0 against Bnei Yehuda, and although it is difficult to envisage Haifa Hapoel getting many goals against Beersheba Hapoel, their defence at home will give Barad, Eliahu, Numa and Avitan a hard nut to crack.

Jerusalem Betar play away against Ramat Amidar Maccabi, who are still bottom of the league but have not given up hope of overhauling a group of teams above them. In their last home game Ramat Amidar surprised Petah Tikva Hapoel with a 3:1 trouncing, and though losing by the same score in Beersheba last week, they were not disgraced. They will give Jerusalem Betar a hard game, but despite losing their last two games and collecting only one point from a possible six in their recent games, Betar are a cut in class above the Ramat Gan side.

Jerbi, Maimilian, Neumann and co. were unlucky to lose 2:3 last week against Shimshon in Netanya and it would come as great a shock to their championship aspirations if the Jerusalemites did not collect both points this week.

Tel Aviv Maccabi have again come back to form with a bang, scoring seven goals in their last two games against good teams like Netanya Maccabi and Shimshon, but these 5:2 and 2:0 wins were at home, and the Tel Avivians travel to Rishon Lesion this Saturday to play Jaffa Maccabi. If they can maintain their momentum Tel Aviv Maccabi would certainly appear capable of beating the struggling Jaffa Maccabi, who are in 15th place.

In Petah Tikva, Maccabi and Hapoel play a derby. Both clubs have been erratic this season. Maccabi opened the season in great style but hit a poor patch. They are in 9th place, one point and two runs better than Petah Tikva Hapoel.

Maccabi last Saturday led Hakoah in an away game by 2:0 before drawing 2:2 and Hapoel returned to winning form by beating Jaffa Maccabi 2:0. On paper, Hapoel would appear to have the stronger team, but local derbies have a habit of finishing in draws and this may be no exception.

A Tel Aviv derby will be played at the Bloomfield Stadium between Tel Aviv Hapoel and Bnei Yehuda. Hapoel have improved greatly in the past two months and have steadily climbed up the table. They beat Tel Aviv Betar at the same ground by 2:0 last week, and though the Bnei Yehuda attack has scored more goals than has Betar's, I doubt if they'll get many goals past Bejerano, Rachmanowitch and Feigenbaum in the Hapoel defence.

In League 'A' there will be a derby in Rehovot between Marmorek Hapoel and Sha'arayim Maccabi. The latter maintain a strong interest in the southern division championship race, but Marmorek have

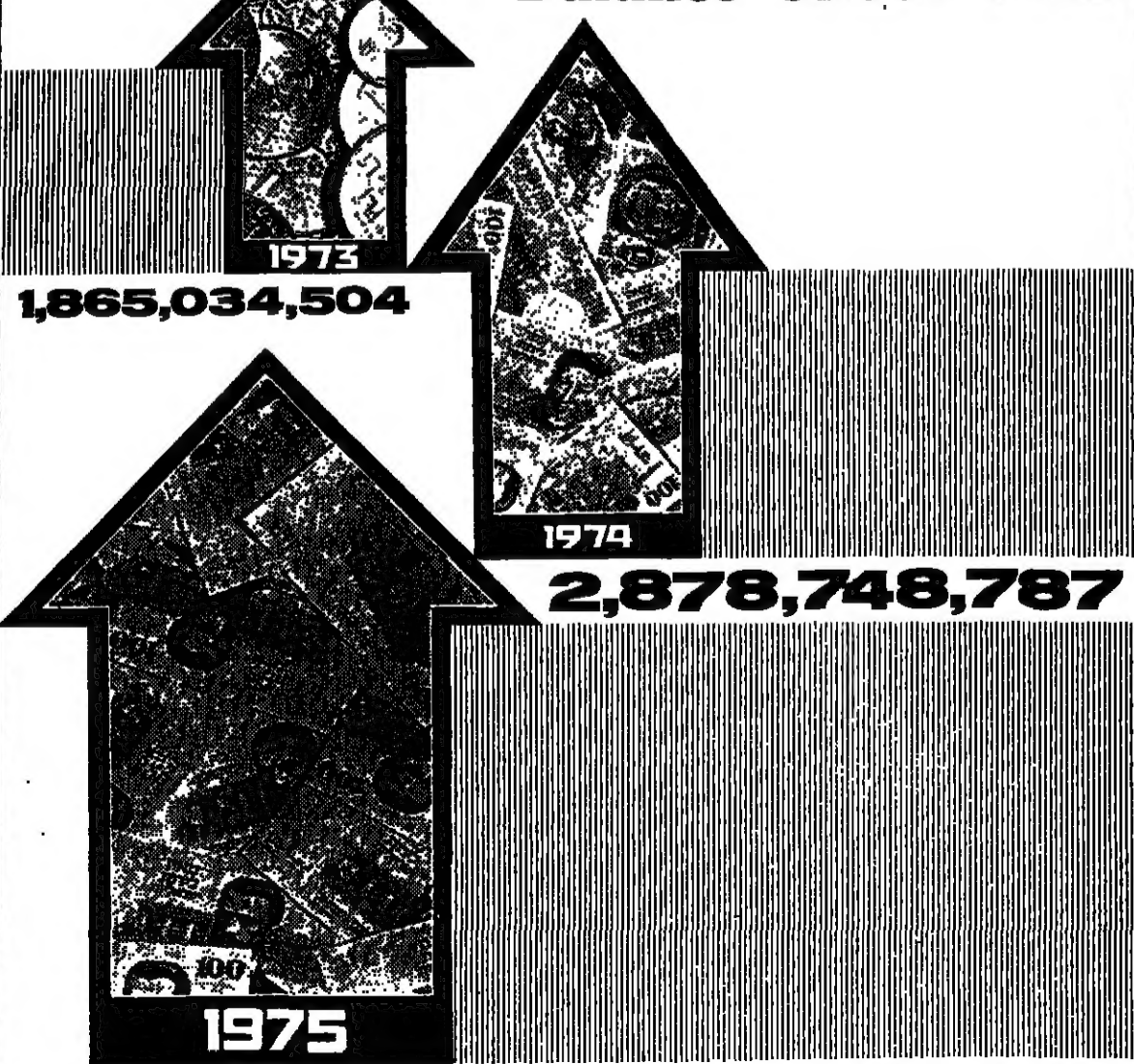
## Cutting of Tzur sentence opposed

State Attorney Gavriel Bach told the Supreme Court yesterday that Michael Tzur made his admissions to the police only after they began to investigate his crimes, and the District Court was therefore right in meting out a severe sentence.

He was responding to a defence claim that the former Israel Corporation manager, sentenced to 15 years in prison, should have been dealt with more kindly. Tzur was convicted last May of 14 charges of fraud, bribery and foreign currency violations. If the court were to mitigate the sentence even slightly, Bach argued, the public would interpret this as the court's taking a less serious view of Tzur's crimes.

The court left open the date for ruling on the appeal. (Itim)

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## Speer admits he knew of Nazi mass-murders

HEIDELBERG, West Germany. — Albert Speer, who organized the economy of conquered Europe for the German war effort, admitted yesterday that he knew of the Nazi extermination of Europe's Jews.

But, he told an interviewer, he simply pushed the knowledge away out of a "cowardice" he now regrets. The 71-year-old Speer was speaking to promote the second volume of the memoirs he composed during his 20 years in jail for war-crimes — a volume that stresses the "warm, human qualities" of many Nazi criminals.

The book, whose English edition is coming out next week, was published in Germany last year. Some reviewers complained that Speer has been attempting in his memoirs to gloss over or to avoid his own responsibility, and object to the favourable light in which he sometimes paints Hitler and his cohorts.

"But," he said yesterday, a person like Hitler had so many contradictory traits that it is necessary to say he was like that, that he could be sympathetic in the same way he was very cruel, even to his closest friends, and the whole makes the picture.

A Dutchman recently wrote to Speer objecting to his description of Arthur Seyss-Inquart, nicknamed "the butcher of Holland" for his conduct as Nazi Commissioner of the occupied Netherlands, as "an amiable Austrian."

"He misunderstood, and I have answered him," Speer said. "My line is to show that Hitler and all of those who were doing jobs for him, executing his orders, had very human traits."

"I am saying, for instance — and shocking many people, too — that Ernst Kaltenbrunner, (chief of the Gestapo, the Secret State Police), who was one of the most evil, had very good-looking warm eyes, and was sympathetic in some ways (as was) Oswald Pohl, who was in charge of the concentration camps."

As to the murder of European Jewry, "I knew what was happening," Speer said. "I did not know it directly by Hitler telling me or saying in my presence that there is an action to kill the Jews. But I knew how Hitler was and how decided he was when he had something in his mind. So, I knew."

Why did he do nothing to stop the annihilation of the Jews?

"It was many things coming

together," Speer said. "The main thing was this adaptation one has when one is working so long in such a system with a man like Hitler. One gets really used to cruelties and there were many more cruelties, for instance, against the prisoners of war and the Russians."

"All of these things I heard and I knew. But to go on existing subconsciously one just pushes those things aside and says, well, it's not me who makes the decisions."

"Of course, it is cowardice and I am ashamed of it nowadays, that it was so, but it would be wrong not to tell people that such a reaction is possible, also among the generals, who were listening to him, too."

When Speer went on trial in Nuremberg in 1945, with 20 other Nazi leaders, he accepted full responsibility for all the Nazi crimes. Speer said yesterday he thought all the Nazi leadership should have accepted this responsibility, to lift it from the shoulders of the German people, and considers it "shameful" that the others tried to wriggle out of it.

The court found Speer guilty only of criminally exploiting foreign slave labour, and not, for instance, of responsibility for the mass murder of Europe's Jews.

Speer, a former architect, now lives in a house his father built 70 years ago on a ridge overlooking a curve of the Neckar River.

Although his clothes are rumpled, he looks younger than his years. His rooms are full of books and manuscripts, with one room reserved for his architectural blueprints. He and a young man writing a book on Speer — Hitler's favourite architect — pore over them for an hour every morning. (UPI)

### Madrid rebel officers get light sentences

MADRID. — Spain's military hierarchy cracked down on the first sign of dissidence within its armed forces yesterday by convicting nine officers accused of trying to foment a Portuguese-style revolution.

A general court martial of five generals, however, lessened the sentence asked by the prosecutor in an apparent bid to stem further unrest among younger officers. The defendants were given terms of from 3-8 years. (AP)

## State Department probing 'leaker'

WASHINGTON. — Top U.S. State Department officials are probing the motivation and records of the suspected "leaker" of classified information about Secretary Henry Kissinger's Middle East diplomacy, a spokesman said on Tuesday.

Kissinger has questioned several assistants personally and put Lawrence Eagleburger, the deputy undersecretary for management, in charge of the probe, spokesman Robert L. Funseth said.

At the White House, meanwhile, an official said the name of the "leaker" was given to President Ford on Sunday.

Presidential press secretary Ron Nease said Ford was satisfied with the way the investigation has proceeded.

The situation developed last week when Foreign Policy magazine distributed an account of Kissinger's 1974 and 1975 "shuttle" diplomacy, written by Edward R.F. Sheehan, a Harvard research fellow and a former U.S. information officer in Cairo and Beirut.

The article contained what the magazine described as verbatim conversations between Kissinger and Arab and Israeli leaders. However, Sheehan indicated on Monday that the description was inaccurate.

Funseth said Kissinger gave a "general okay" for Department officials to assist the writer and had talked with him twice, aboard his jet last August between Tel Aviv and Alexandria and in Washington last October.

However, Funseth said, "the Secretary never authorized anyone to reveal the contents of classified documents and had no idea this was being done."

Kissinger himself did not discuss classified documents with Sheehan, the spokesman said. He declined to divulge the names of any other Department officials authorized by Kissinger both in writing and verbally to talk to the writer.

Describing the scope of the investigation, Funseth said: "The Department is attempting to determine if any State Department officials briefed Sheehan on the basis of any classified document."

"It is not in the Department's judgement a trivial matter." "Any fair investigation — and our investigation will be fair — has to look into the motivation of the officers involved as well as the record of the officers involved, and in addition the facts of the nature of the briefings themselves."

"After we've done all that, we'll decide what disciplinary action will be taken." (AP)



Shattered skis can be seen in the foreground of this picture of the wreckage of Tuesday's cable car disaster in the Italian Alps, in which 42 people died. (AP radiophoto)

## One survives world's worst cable car crash

CAVALESE, Italy. — Italian authorities were yesterday seeking the cause for the world's worst cable car crash. The car was packed with skiers when it hurtled to the ground and killed 42 persons, including at least 22 vacationing Germans on Tuesday.

One person survived the crash, a 14-year-old girl from Milan. Doctors in this small northern Italy ski resort were working to save her. They said her leg and pelvis injuries were serious but she had a chance to survive.

Most of the victims were foreign tourists, many of them members of a German vacation group from Hamburg.

Giorgio Fontana, director of the local government tourist office, said 23 persons so far had been identified as Germans and six as Italians. Police questioned two persons who were believed to be the only witnesses to the crash besides its survivor — the cable operator at the ground station and a farmer who saw the car plummet to the ground.

The cable car had a capacity for 42 persons but apparently it carried 43, because two minors were aboard.

The badly disfigured bodies were lined up in a corridor of the Cava-

lese hospital. Tourists helped police in identifying sking and hotel companions.

The 5 km. long cableway links this popular ski resort, located at an altitude of 3,275 feet, to the Alpe Cermia, 3,000 feet above. The cable car, carrying skiers back from the slopes in the late afternoon, was only metres from the valley station when the cable loosened sending the car swinging until the cable snapped.

"I saw customers rush to the windows and I looked out and saw the cableway loosening and the car swinging back and forth," said Franco Scarian, a barmaid in the valley station. "Then the car crashed on the ground the huge bar on its roof smashed down with an awful noise." (AP)

## Hostage shoots German terrorist

FRANKFURT. — One of two hostages held captive by a terrorist for 28 hours seized the terrorist's gun and shot him yesterday, a police spokesman said.

Police then arrested the wounded terrorist in the courthouse room in which he had barricaded himself with two hostages on Tuesday.

Both male German hostages were unharmed, police said.

Police identified the terrorist as Rudi Manz, a 24-year-old West German. He had demanded a DM10m ransom, which police delivered to him earlier yesterday.

Armed police posted in the courthouse knew something was happening when they heard a shot come from the room on the first floor where the terrorist was barricaded with the hostages.

"Loud voices were heard," the police spokesman said. "Police rushed to the room and saw the door open and saw one hostage come out carrying a pistol."

"He raised it high to show that the terrorist had been overpowered."

The second hostage came out right behind, carrying the second pistol the terrorist had been armed with, the spokesman said. (UPI)

## Nixon: K. directed wiretaps

WASHINGTON. — Richard M. Nixon claims in a sworn deposition that he did not personally select persons who were the objects of wiretaps early in his presidency, but said it was the responsibility of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Nixon's statement in a deposition prepared for filing yesterday in federal district court appears to conflict with Kissinger's statement that "while (Nixon's) authorization was in general terms and not limited to specific individuals, my understanding was that he then directed surveillance of Morton Halpern and certain others."

Halpern, a one-time national security aide who was one of 17 persons wiretapped, is suing the former President, Kissinger and others for damages that could exceed \$3m.

"I of course did not select the names myself because I did not know the individuals," Nixon said in the deposition. "I told Kissinger that he should inform Hoover of any names that he considered to be prime suspects," Nixon said. (J. Edgar Hoover was director at the time of FBI.) "That was Kissinger's responsibility. It was his responsibility not to control the (surveillance) programme but solely to furnish the information to Hoover. Hoover then was to take it from there..." Nixon said.

The former president was asked specifically whether it was Kissinger's job to select the persons who had access to information that had been published in a newspaper on the day in question, May 9, 1969.

"No," Nixon said. "Kissinger discussed the matter that day with Hoover. My recollection is that they went back and forth, Hoover and Kissinger, as to who might be the individual or individuals who should be surveilled... I think it was two days later that Gen. (Alexander) Haig established the direct liaison with (William) Sullivan of the FBI... from that time on, Haig as Kissinger's deputy would furnish names of individuals." (AP)

## Mao's name used in anti-Teng campaign

PEKING. — China's Communist Party yesterday issued instructions which appeared to spell political doom for Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, but made clear the current anti-rightist campaign should not explode into violence.

Accompanied by a new quotation from Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the party newspaper "People's Daily" published a major editorial which dismissed Teng as a bourgeois who had opposed socialism. It did not name the 72-year-old vice-premier, but unmistakably alluded to him as a "capitalist roader" who was virtually beyond redemption.

The title of the editorial was a newly-coined quotation by Mao: "To reverse the verdict is against the will of the people."

The newspaper said Chairman Mao had recently pointed out: "The Socialist revolution has come down on the heads of these people: those in the party who were opposed to the collectivisation of agriculture and who feel bad about criticizing bourgeois rights."

Only two months ago Teng was regarded as the second most powerful man in China. Observers said the editorial, carrying the full authority of the Communist Party, apparently dashed his hopes of political survival.

It dictated that the campaign should not spread like the tumultuous Cultural Revolution of the 1960's when ultra-leftist Red Guards travelled throughout China in so-called "fighting teams."

The editorial told Party officials the "struggle" against rightists should be under their firm control

and there should be no fighting teams or clashes between revolutionary groups in different cities. It ordered that the campaign should not hamper industry and agriculture.

Observers said it was the clearest indication so far that Communist chiefs were eager to prevent economic or social disruption, in the condemnation of "capitalist roaders."

"We must be alert against class enemies trying to sow havoc. We must be alert against the presence of people who may use sabotage of production to sabotage the revolution," the editorial warned.

At the same time it called on the masses to mobilize, unite and collectively break the "revisionist line of the unrepentant capitalist roaders."

Observers have speculated that criticism of Teng could lead to attacks on other officials who, like him, were purged during the Cultural Revolution but later were rehabilitated.

The editorial offered an olive branch to others who may be accused of being rightists. "The small minority of revolutionary cadres who have taken an erroneous line should be helped to change position, and we shall welcome the reform of their errors," it said.

Sinologists interpreted this as a further sign that Peking hoped to pursue a tightly controlled campaign that will not develop into factionalism. (Reuters)

### U.S. drug firm payoffs

NEW YORK. — Three major American pharmaceutical firms disclosed on Tuesday they had made millions of dollars in payments, some described as "illegal or improper," to employees of foreign governments. (AP)

## Chief rabbi here on aliya

## Rhodesia's Jews 'ignore growing danger from whites and blacks'

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 4,000 Jews in Rhodesia may soon find themselves caught in a tightening vice — between anti-Semitic whites, who blame them for the Communist danger, and the blacks, who will let loose and plunder the property of the rich.

That awesome prediction was made by the Chief Rabbi of Rhodesia, Rabbi Isaac Zwebner, who immigrated to Israel with his wife, Aurelia, last week.

The last words of advice that he gave to his congregation in Bulawayo were not a pleasant farewell. "I held up a letter I had received that was addressed to the entire Rhodesian Jewish community of 4,000," the rabbi told The Jerusalem Post in Jerusalem yesterday. Stamped with an official letterhead from the white people's party, and with swastikas, the letter had quotations from "Mein Kampf" and threats that "Hitler hasn't yet finished his job." Swastikas have also appeared of late on Jewish shopwindows and cars. "I'm afraid that the Jews aren't aware of the danger or don't want to think about it."

With the pressure on Rhodesia mounting in the wake of the Marxist victory in Angola and Mozambique, said the rabbi, Prime Minister Ian Smith is "just playing for time until the Europeans of Rhodesia will be forced to give in."

The Jews appear to be fooled by the current quiet before the storm. The blacks, said Rabbi Zwebner, are "still docile, because they are primitive people who haven't been given the chance to develop. But, like children who are irresponsible when power is put in their hands, they could lash out. It wouldn't be an attack specifically against the Jews, but against the 'heaven'." And who is there to stop them?

Rabbi Zwebner, who was born in Jerusalem's Mea Shearim quarter (his father was a member of the First Knesset) and went to London in 1937 "to see the world," maintained that he and his wife "didn't come on aliya as a way of running away from Rhodesia."

"Our four children have settled in Israel, and I've lived with packing cases since we got married," said Mrs. Zwebner. "We always had



The Chief Rabbi of Rhodesia, Isaac Zwebner, and his wife, Aurelia, shortly after arriving here on aliya last week.

plans to live in Israel."

Those plans were deferred. In 1953, when the rabbi was called to South Africa because of a shortage of spiritual leaders there, and again in 1967, when he went to Rhodesia, because the last two rabbis there had retired or died.

The rabbi's frequent pleas to his flock in Rhodesia to immigrate to Israel "with your life and possessions, while there is time," fell on almost totally deaf ears.

"They are spoiled by luxury and called the 'Savoyon Lodge' which is on the level of a five-star hotel's woman's paradise with luxurious homes and servants, and most women, including the Jews, don't even know how to iron a shirt or fold a sheet. The women overeat and then go to the beauty salons to lose weight."

Since it is difficult to take money out of the country, except for interest (household goods can be

still be sent out), the Jews of Rhodesia are afraid of starting life all over again in Israel.

"They say they can help Israel best by staying in Rhodesia and giving money," said the rabbi, "but we told them that that is no longer true. At a time of insecurity and turmoil, I preached from the pulpit, it is best to be home — in Israel."

But the Jews stay on, spending their money on grandiose synagogues, youth centres and an old-age home. "They are spoiled by luxury and called the 'Savoyon Lodge' which is on the level of a five-star hotel's woman's paradise with luxurious homes and servants, and most women, including the Jews, don't even know how to iron a shirt or fold a sheet. The women overeat and then go to the beauty salons to lose weight."

Rabbi Zwebner, "excited and thrilled" finally to settle in Israel, will work as public relations director for the Jerusalem College of Technology and retire from the pulpit.

## THE WORLD IN BRIEF

### UK writers at pro-Israel meet

LONDON. — A meeting of prominent writers took place recently at the House of Lords at the invitation of Lord Ted (Edward) Willis, to express solidarity with Israel.

Among the writers who participated or sent solidarity messages were Kingsley Amis, Gerda Charles, Margaret Drabble, Ted Hughes, Michael Kustow, George Markstein, Iris Murdoch, Lynne Reid-Banks, Bernice Rubens, Alan Silitoe, Lord C.P. Snow, Stephen Spender and Tom Stoppard.

### Egypt invites Jewish singer

PARIS. — Jewish singer Enrico Macias, popular in Israel with people of North African and Asian origin, said yesterday he had been invited to give recitals in Egypt.

He told French television that the Egyptian Embassy here said he would be welcome in Egypt because peace with Israel was imminent.

Macias, whose popular songs with an oriental touch have made him one of the most successful entertainers in France, was born in Algeria and left for France with most of the Jewish community when Algeria became independent in 1962. (Reuters)

### Canada: PLO yes, terrorists no

OTTAWA. — The Canadian Government reserves the right to keep terrorists out of Canada, despite an agreement with the UN allowing observers from the Palestinian Liberation Organization to attend the Vancouver Habitat Conference later this year, a Government spokesman said on Tuesday.

Fernand LeBlanc, Parliamentary Secretary for Labour, said the Government would refuse to admit individual members of a delegation if they were known terrorists. (AP)

### 'Heath aide was KGB man'

LONDON. — A former counter-espionage chief said on Tuesday a top-level British Government official or legislator worked for the Soviet KGB spy agency when Edward Heath was Prime Minister in 1970-1974.

George Young, 64-year-old former deputy director of the British Agency M16, said the man was never identified. He claimed the Kremlin sent a top KGB officer to London to link up with the mystery man and to cultivate Conservative cabinet ministers and legislators.

British security agencies are still trying to track down the mystery man, he said. (AP)

### Heavy fighting in Philippines

MANILA. — Heavy fighting between Moslem separatists and Government forces has erupted near three towns near Lake Lanao in the southern Philippines, Moslem and military sources said yesterday.

The "Philippines Daily Express" said the fighting sent 10,000 refugees into Marawi, the provincial capital, and forced the government to return there from a peace mission to Moslems in the Sulu Island. Moslems have been fighting for autonomy in the south for 3 years. (AP)

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SHE IS STILL the same Juliette Greco. She still has the fringe and the page boy hairstyle, still wears the long shiny black T-shirt dress with the little zips at each wrist, and the high-heeled black pumps. Her voice is still the one which prompted Jean Paul Sartre to write "Greco has millions in her throat: millions of songs which have not yet been written, and some of which will be written, perhaps, some day. ... For her, and in order to see my words turned into precious gems, I decided to write songs. I have to confess that she has still not sung the chansons I wrote for her, but it is enough for me that she sings the works of others, in order for me to be grateful to her my whole life."

At 50, Juliette Greco looks as most women would be extremely happy to look at 40, still has the ability to play the vamps, the naive little girl, the mimic or the gay comedienne. She deserved better than the apathetic audience for whom she sang in Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium last week, most of whom failed to appreciate her songs in French, the delightfully French quality of her English explanations. She should not have been subjected to the Mann Auditorium at all; even a singer of Greco's calibre cannot possibly produce an ambience in a hall seating 3,000 and lacking any warmth or charm. She should not have been provided with a poorly adjusted microphone and loudspeakers emitting feedback groans at intervals throughout her show. And she did not deserve, on Wednesday night, to be surrounded by the wilting flower arrangements left over from her Monday night gala in aid of the Israel Cancer Association. Maria Callas would doubtless have stormed off the stage. Juliette Greco did not and, fine actress that she is, even managed to remain smiling throughout. I am told she is a delightful person. Unfortunately I never got to interview her because, after Koi Israel kept her waiting

## No way to treat Juliette

ENTERTAINMENT / CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER



Juliette Greco and Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur.

around backstage, cold, tired and hungry after one of her appearances, she wanted nothing more to do with the press.

Her visit here was strictly a whistle-stop night appearance of one week — though she may well have a certain affinity for Israel. Her mother was a highly active member of the French resistance. When she was betrayed and arrested by the Nazis, Juliette and her sister, both in their teens, were taken out of their Paris convent

school "straight into cell No. 325." The young Juliette found herself in the company of three prostitutes whose conversation was highly enlightening to a naive convent girl from a respectable middle class family.

Perhaps it was sentiment which prompted her to appear here for the very special fee of \$2,500 per appearance — practically half of her normal fee. Her economic policy is simple. She charges what she feels

the client in question can afford. Her socialism has obviously not been forgotten during her years as a celebrity, preceded by a penniless student existence on Paris' Left Bank. She and her friends spent their evenings in small bars and clubs, discussing philosophy, composing and singing. In the company of acquaintances such as Jean Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir and Gaston Galimard, it was their attitude of living life from day to day that earned them the title of "the existentialists."

GRECO'S PROGRAMME here included many of her best known songs: Sous le Ciel de Paris, Parlez-Moi d'Amour, Autumn leaves; it included delightful anecdote songs people by "naughty ladies" and "nice, not so very clever little girls." The "impossible" love story between the fish and the bird was accompanied by wonderfully expressive hand gestures; the strong songs — notably "Mon fils Jean" — were delivered with verve and gusto, her head thrown back, her voice powerful.

Doubtless the costs of bringing an international star and her orchestra to Israel are high (and higher still with the new tax on imported services). However, it seems a deplorable that the impresario concerned should have so little sensitivity as to sacrifice the whole effect of a show for the sake of higher profits. People who heard Greco here twelve years ago, when she appeared in smaller, more modest auditoriums, raved about her. Even a celebrity of Greco's calibre faces impossible odds when she is expected to produce the intimate atmosphere suited to a one-woman cabaret appearance in the Mann Auditorium.

It is to be hoped that Greco will not wait another 12 years before returning to Israel — but on the basis of her latest experience, she may wait a good deal longer than that.

WASHINGTON. — A skull estimated to be about 1.5 million years old has been found in Northern Kenya and raises questions about the dating of the Peking Man fossils found in China, anthropologist Robert Leakey told the National Geographic Society here this week.

Mr. Leakey said the skull was almost identical to the fossils found in Peking, thought to be about 500,000 years old. Other new discoveries in Kenya included a pelvic bone and numerous hand and wrist bones.

The discoveries, in the Great Rift Valley of East Africa, provide fresh evidence that early man existed in several forms at one period in his development and of how he moved and worked, Mr. Leakey and Dr. Donald Johanson said in a joint statement.

Mr. Leakey is director of the National Museum of Kenya. Dr. Johanson is Curator of Physical Anthropology at the Cleveland, Ohio, Museum of Natural History and Associate Professor of Anthropology at Case Western University there.

## NEW LINK IN STORY OF MAN

By ROBERT TRAUTMAN

Mr. Leakey told a press conference here that the skull represented "a very important link" to confirm once and for all that man was co-existent with the ape-like Australopithecus.

Anthropologists say the new findings will lend credence to the theory that the Australopithecus was probably a relative, rather than a forerunner, of mankind and reached an evolutionary dead end.

Mr. Leakey also said the new skull provided a continuous pattern of development with the "1470" skull he found four years earlier in the same area of Kenya east of Lake Turkana, which was dated as being 2.5 million to three million years old. The finding of a second skull confirmed that the original was not a freak.

The great size of the pelvic bone, Mr. Leakey added, showed it was probably part of a body which was stocky and heavily muscled. A study of it would help understand early man's locomotion and stance.

Dr. Johanson said his discovery of about 150 fossilized bones of two infants and from three to five adults included about 35 hand and wrist bones. Study of these would help show the "capabilities of the hand for manipulation and perhaps for tool-making." The bones, found in the Hadra region of Ethiopia's Afar depression, had enabled recreation of a composite hand. This was the most complete example of a hand of such age, between three and 3.5 million years. (Reuter)

AT THE CINEMA

## A serene old man

Harry and Tonto (Dekel, Tel Aviv). Harry is an elderly widower and Tonto is his beloved cat, a very fine ginger puss. When Harry is finally evicted from his Manhattan apartment which is slated for demolition, he becomes a man on the move. First he goes to live with his son Burt and when Burt's family proves too much of a strain on his nerves, he goes off to stay with his daughter Shirley. Shirley is pre-occupied with marital troubles so he decides to make his way to California, always accompanied by Tonto, with the idea of maybe settling down with his son Eddie in Los Angeles.

Co-authored and directed by Paul Mazursky ("Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice," "Blume in Love"), the picture follows Harry's peregrinations with the despair and loneliness of old age as he goes westward, dwelling briefly on his little adventures, neatly characterizing the people he encounters on the way — a teenager who has left home to live in a commune, a hooker who offers him free

love, a health food salesman, an Indian medicine-man with whom he shares a cell in jail for a night. Basically it is a study of old age in the U.S., because old people, do not move about so much in other countries and there mobility is a dominant element in the way of life.

Inevitably the film calls up the memory of De Sica's "Umberto D" and his dog. But that was a film filled with the despair and loneliness of old age. This film tries to make the point that old age has its compensations. It is not a profound picture but it is a very enjoyable one: warm, funny, lively and original. Harry is a serene old man, remembering his past with pleasure, able to accept the present with confidence and making his emotional and physical adjustments to old age with equanimity and a certain humour.

Art Carney, well known for his appearances over the years in the Jack Gleason TV show, "The Honeymooners," is acting for the big screen for the first time. His Harry is



Harry and Tonto the cat.

wonderfully natural, believable as well as lovable. The smaller roles are all well played with Ellen Burstyn as Shirley, Larry Hagman as Eddie and Joshua Mostel as grandson Norman. A pleasurable picture. S.W.

A FEW WEEKS AGO a woman of 70 died in her rented flat in Jerusalem's Rehavia quarter. Her married daughter came from Herzliya to attend the funeral and her son flew in from overseas where he had been residing for some time. After the week of mourning he returned to his wife and child abroad.

The deceased woman, then with her husband and two small children, had moved into the flat in 1948. They paid no key-money for the three-room apartment, vacated by a family which had left for England. The rent was controlled and their tenure protected under the Tenants' Protection Law passed by the British in 1940.

The father of the family, a businessman, died in 1968. During the 23 years the family occupied the flat, rents were allowed to rise to their present level of about IL270 a month.

With the death of the widow the owner of the building, Mrs. C., thought she would gain possession of the flat. But things worked out differently.

Before he went abroad again, the son placed three young men in, "to watch his property." The flat had been badly neglected before his mother's death and prior to bringing in his "watchmen," the son removed all good pieces of furniture, carpets and paintings.

According to the law, tenancy rights may be passed on to a relative if he has lived with the deceased at least half a year before the death and if he does not have a flat of his own.

Asked later why she did not take the key of the flat or change the lock right after her tenant's death, Mrs. C. said: "How could I do such a thing, during the shiva?" When Mrs. C. asked the police to help her get the three men out of the apartment, they told her the case was one of civil litigation and did not concern them. They warned her, however, that if she put a new lock on the flat or entered it forcibly, she would be breaking the law and liable to arrest.

## Unprotected landlords

By ERNIE MEYER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

Her application to the Magistrate's Court for an order compelling her possession of the flat, was refused on the grounds that for the moment there was no justification for it. The question of final possession would come before the court. "But that may take three, four or five years, and the other side can always appeal if things go against them and drag the case out longer," Mrs. C. said.

Meanwhile she has asked her lawyer to return the advance rent paid by the deceased tenant. She also returned a rent cheque mailed her by the son.

Accepting such payment, of course, would mean confirming the son as protected tenant in place of his mother.

Mrs. C. claims that the son owns a three-room flat in a new luxury building in Ramat Rahel, which is rented at the uncontrolled market price. Her own recently married son is studying in France. "He would come home if I could offer him a place to live," she says plaintively.

BITTERNESS and frustration mark Mrs. C.'s every word as she tells of her career as a landlord. Now aged 58, she came here from Vienna with her parents in 1923. Her father, a cousin of author Stefan Zweig, had been a Zionist since his student days, (and left her many documents about Herzl).

The Zweig family first lived in a rented Arab house in Bak'a, but later built a house of their own in Talpott. Dr. Zweig, continued his Zionist activities and worked largely for the upbuilding of the yishuv, losing most of his money in the process.

In 1935, when he was already ailing with Parkinson's disease, his wealthy brothers sent him money from Moravia to provide for his retirement. (They did not heed his call to come here and perished in the Holocaust). He used the funds to build a six-flat house, one of the first apartment blocks in Rehavia. It was a luxury building, with central heating and in design compares favourably with most buildings put up today.

"Our house was built by Jewish workers from Ramat Rahel," Mrs. C. said. "Building it was an act of Zionism. My father was not a speculator," she added, answering an unasked question.

The Zweigs, with their son and two daughters, continued to live in the Talpott house while the Rehavia building was rented out for income. When they had to leave Talpott during the war in 1948, the family, with their now paralyzed father, had to stay in a hotel before they were eventually able to move into one of their flats in Rehavia.

Dr. Zweig died the following year. Mrs. C. lived in her mother's flat even after she married. On her mother's death in 1961 she was able to obtain possession of a four-room flat on the second floor, where she lives now.

Of the six flats in Mrs. C.'s building, one is on the ground-floor, two each are on the first and second floors, and one is on the third floor. Total income from the three tenanted-occupied flats is about IL870 a month. This leaves nothing after municipal and government taxes, electricity and house charges, repairs and recurrent legal expenses. Over the years there have

been many legal expenses, caused by arguments over who was responsible for certain inevitable repairs, or to force some tenants to meet rent increases permitted by law over the years. "Many months I've had to add from my husband's salary to keep the house going," Mrs. C. says. The ground-floor flat brings in IL270 a month. In 1961 it changed hands and Mrs. C. received one third of IL3,500 key-money paid. In 1966 she again received IL7,000 of the IL21,000 paid in key money. (Owners pay income tax on these sums, while tenants are exempt as long as they use the money to buy another flat for their own use).

The present occupants are considering whether to accept IL175,000 key-money before moving into their new, five-room flat in the Jewish quarter of the Old City. Mrs. C. says she is not anxious to receive her IL58,000 share of the key-money, which would leave her with about IL25,000 after taxes and a new protected tenant.

Of the two flats on the first floor, the one formerly occupied by her parents is empty and would require extensive repairs before becoming livable. Asked why she does not repair it, furnish it and rent it on the free market for its current value of between IL1,200 and IL1,500 a month, Mrs. C. said that she does not have the sums required for repairing the floors, walls and plumbing. Furthermore, she said, she is so averse to having anything else to do with tenants — even well-paying ones — that she prefers to have the flat empty, which it has been for 15 years now.

"If rents were not protected, I would turn this building again into the palace it once was. For 30 years my family, instead of the Government, has subsidized tenants. Now the time has come for us to be compensated," Mrs. C. says.

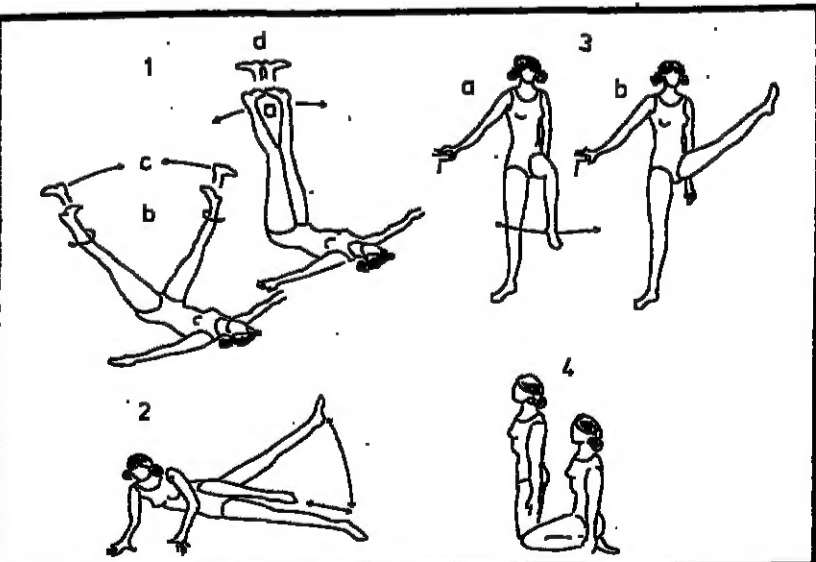
(A second article will deal with the tenants' point of view. In Friday's Magazine Doris Lankin will present the legal aspects of key money.)

BIKINI WEATHER is approaching, and now's the time for an early stock-taking, not only of your size, but also of the quality of your shape. How firm are you? This question begins to be more relevant as the weather turns warmer and our clothes bare regions hitherto unrevealed. One area which tends to go unnoticed during the layered months is the inner thigh.

Here's a very effective method for reducing and firming the inner part of the leg. (These exercises are beneficial to the front part of the leg as well — we will deal on another occasion with the back of the leg.)

1. Lie on your back with your legs in the air and slightly bent, toes pointing inward and knees touching. Spread your legs as wide as possible, keeping your toes pointing toward each other all the time. Now, turn your toes outward as far as possible (feel the tug in your inner thigh?) and slowly bring your heels together. Repeat 10 times, work up to 25 times gradually. (This exercise requires strong stomach muscles, so if your stomach is getting too tired, stop after 6 times and increase at a slower pace than recommended.)

2. Lie on your left side, supporting your body with your left arm and right hand in front of you. Legs together and straight. Bring your right (upper) leg to touch your right



## CURE FOR THE WOBLIES

FIGURE IT OUT / JUDIE OBON

elbow, then straighten it so that it rests again on the left leg. Now raise your right leg as far up in the air as possible (the higher the more effective for firming), and bring it back

down to touch your right leg again. Try to keep your right leg in constant motion — don't rest while changing position of the leg. Repeat 10 times on each leg and increase gradually

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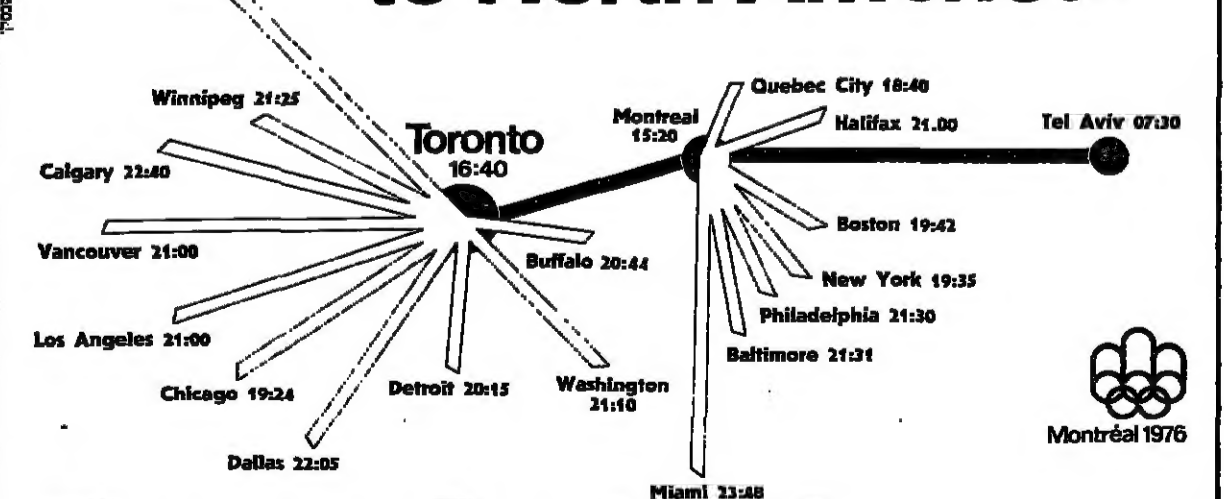
3. Stand with feet together and with your left hand holding onto a heavy chair, a wall or other immovable object at waist level. Raise your right leg to the front and forward, bending it at the knee. Without lowering it to the floor, swing your leg to the right side and as high upwards as you can, straightening it as you swing it to the right. Repeat 5 times, and increase to 15 on each leg.

4. Sit on your heels with your knees and thighs together. Press the inner part of your thighs together as hard as you can, and slowly raise and straighten the upper part of your body, using only your legs for leverage and keeping your back straight. Now you may allow yourself to fall back onto your heels. Repeat, slowly, 3 times and force yourself to concentrate all the effort of raising your body into your legs. Work up very gradually to 8 times.

Once you have mastered this exercise, try lowering your body slowly rather than allowing yourself to fall down onto your heels. Don't try this last bit until you've worked up to 8 times.

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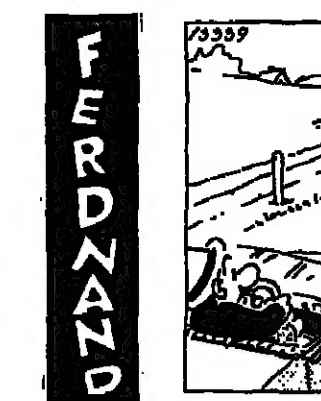
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22.00 Nikul Rosh: The fortnightly satirical programme, 22.40 The Virginian, 23.00 News.

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**ALLENBY:** The Sunshine Boys; BEN YERUSA: The Backstage; CHEN: Flamingo Goes East; CINEMA ONE: SHARK; CINEMA TWO: El Al 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; CINEMA THREE: Joker 7.15, 9.30; DEKEL: Barry and Tootie, 7.15, 9.30; DRIVE-IN: Bullfighters, 2.45, Birds of Prey, 7.15, 9.30; ESTHER: Dia Diamond Mercenaries; GAT: Love and Death; GORDON: The Angel and the Devil; LIMO: Fire Troubles; LIMON: Sunshine; MAXIM: My Darling Domestic; MOGABI: Prefume Di Donna; OPHIE: Farewell My Lovely; ORELY: La Rivale; PARIS: Sweet Movie, 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; PIER: A Window to the Sky; RAMAT AVIV: The Great Gatsby, Fri. 10 p.m. & midnight, 7.15, 9.30, Tues. 4.30; ROYAL: Sheila Levine is Dead and Living in New York; SUTIDO: Dog Day Afternoon; TEL AVIV: Africa Express; TCHETET: The New Land, 6.30, 9.15; ZAFON: Le Telephone Neuf.

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ISRAEL HAS BECOME one of the more reasonably priced spots for the travelling businessman, the London-based "Financial Times" reported recently.

The paper periodically issues a detailed report on the cost of travel, telephone calls, translation services, transport and medical charges in various countries, as well as a breakdown of hotel, restaurant and entertainment costs. It is available for £30 (about \$150). Although intended for the travelling businessman, its widely publicized summary also contains interesting information on the costs of foreign travel.

The index understandably takes the London price total as 100. New York tops the list of sixty selected towns with an index of 166. At the bottom are Dublin and Lisbon with 57 and 56 respectively.

Next to New York, Paris is most

expensive, with an index of 131 and Amsterdam, which 10 years ago was a relatively inexpensive city, has moved up sharply. It is the third most expensive town with an index of 127. This is far above other European cities, where costs hover near those in London. Brussels, Oslo, Frankfurt and Helsinki stand at 107, 104, 103 and 102 respectively. Zurich and Geneva are slightly less expensive at 98 and 94. Only Copenhagen and Stockholm are about ten per cent higher than London.

But Tel Aviv is 73, only slightly above Cairo and Istanbul, both 69. This counters any myth that staying in Israel is expensive for the foreign traveller. For the businessman who usually chooses a first class or in any case, a good hotel, this certainly does not seem the case. At least not according to the computations of the "Financial Times" people.

### TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

## Demand for bonds

TEL AVIV. — Bonds and the Nafat dollar were yesterday. Among the bonds, those with a five year redemption date rose between two to three points, following a demand for some IL2.25m. worth. Optionals with a redemption date of less than a year were stable, but those with longer redemption periods rose from two to four points. A similar rise was chalked up by the bonds in the 6.5 per cent security services.

The turnover in stocks was IL2.07m. of which IL173,800 was

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|                         |   | 10.3.76 | 9.3.76 | Israel Electric Corp. | r | 221   | 221   |
|                         |   |         |        | Lighting & Supply     | r | 142.5 | 142.5 |
| OLAN-LINKED             |   |         |        | LAND, BUILDING,       |   |       |       |
| SEBENTURES              |   |         |        | DEVELOPMENT           |   |       |       |
| Dead Sea Junior         | r | 376.5   | 370    | AND CITRUS            | r | 100.5 | 100   |
| Dead Sea                | r | 305     | 287    | Asorin                | r | 262   | 262   |
| Electric Corp. B        | r | 309     | 300    | Africa Israel IL10    | r | 137.5 | 137   |
| C. of L. LINKED         |   |         |        | Isr. Land Dev.        | r | 123   | 123   |
| Industrial and Interest |   |         |        | Solid Bonch-10% pref. | r | 172   | 172   |
| Absorp. 1966 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Israel & Building     | r | 125.5 | 125   |
| Absorp. 1967 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Mehadrin              | r | 229   | 229   |
| Absorp. 1968 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | I.C.S. Citrus         | r | 106.5 | 106.5 |
| Absorp. 1969 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Angle-Isr. Investors  | r | 239   | 236   |
| Absorp. 1970 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Neot Aviv             | r | 121   | 127   |
| Absorp. 1971 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Prd Or Ltd.           | r | 263   | 260   |
| Absorp. 1972 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Rasoco - 8% pref.     | r | 113   | 110.5 |
| Absorp. 1973 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Rasoco                | r | 70.5  | 68.5  |
| Absorp. 1974 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        |                       |   |       |       |
| Absorp. 1975 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | INDUSTRIAL            |   |       |       |
| Absorp. 1976 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Alkansas B            | r | 635   | 635   |
| Absorp. 1977 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Elec - 2.5            | b | 130   | 128.5 |
| Absorp. 1978 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Electra - 5           | r | 128   | 127   |
| Absorp. 1979 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Argamash - 8%         | r | 214   | 214   |
| Absorp. 1980 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Dab - 9%              | r | 113   | 115.5 |
| Absorp. 1981 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Atuk - 8% pref.       | r | 338   | 325.5 |
| Absorp. 1982 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Elam - Wire & Cable   | b | 108   | 108   |
| Absorp. 1983 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Chem. & Phosphates    | b | 910   | 910   |
| Absorp. 1984 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Teva                  | r | 150.5 | 150   |
| Absorp. 1985 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Phos. - 5% pref.      | r | 105.5 | 105   |
| Absorp. 1986 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Moller Textile        | r | 157.5 | 154   |
| Absorp. 1987 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Phenidia - 8% pref.   | r | 88    | 88    |
| Absorp. 1988 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Paper Mills           | r | 189.5 | 189.5 |
| Absorp. 1989 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Asa - 5%              | r | 490   | 490   |
| Absorp. 1990 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Neuchatan 9% pref.    | r | 250   | 244   |
| Absorp. 1991 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Elite                 | r | 124.5 | 124.5 |
| Absorp. 1992 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Sharon - 9% pref.     | r | 107   | 108   |
| Absorp. 1993 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Tall Plymouth         | r |       |       |
| Absorp. 1994 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        |                       |   |       |       |
| Absorp. 1995 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | INVESTMENT &          |   |       |       |
| Absorp. 1996 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | MANAGING COMPANIES    |   |       |       |
| Absorp. 1997 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Elgar                 | r | 115   | 114   |
| Absorp. 1998 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Elser                 | r | 155   | 155   |
| Absorp. 1999 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Israel Central Trade  | r | 194   | 194   |
| Absorp. 2000 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Elam                  | r | 164   | 162   |
| Absorp. 2001 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Walton                | r | 78.5  | 77.5  |
| Absorp. 2002 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Poznan - IL10         | r | 128.5 | 128.5 |
| Absorp. 2003 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Discount              | r | 190.5 | 185.5 |
| Absorp. 2004 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | United Mitrabi        | r | 150   | 148   |
| Absorp. 2005 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Citral                | r | 163.5 | 163.5 |
| Absorp. 2006 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Phycon                | r | 154   | 153   |
| Absorp. 2007 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Hassuta               | r | 105   | 105.5 |
| Absorp. 2008 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Export                | r | 96.5  | 96.5  |
| Absorp. 2009 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Cla                   | r | 220   | 220   |
| Absorp. 2010 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Clal Industries       | r | 112.5 | 113   |
| Absorp. 2011 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | FUEL & OIL            |   |       |       |
| Absorp. 2012 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Wanbitha OTC          | r | 579.5 | 579.5 |
| Absorp. 2013 (1)        | a | 593.5   |        | Lupulid OTC           | r | 541.5 | 541.5 |
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## Action on charters

THE HETH COMMITTEE has now come out with clear-cut proposals for the liberalization of the country's civil aviation policy. Complying with Cabinet instruction, it has specified the areas in which restrictions on charter flights should be either eased or lifted. A final ruling in the matter is now to be made by the Economic Ministers on behalf of the entire Cabinet.

Predictably, the proposals turn out in large measure to be an endorsement of the arguments in favour of charter flights long presented by the Minister of Tourism. However, bearing in mind the claims of El Al the Heth Committee has also taken pains to demonstrate that charter operations need not make serious inroads into the airline's services because for the most part they generate new traffic among a travelling public unable to afford the fares charged by scheduled carriers.

Moreover, in keeping with its declared intention to prevent any significant financial losses to El Al, the Committee has protectively hedged its proposals in a manner designed to ensure that the airline's income not be affected adversely — or if there is some encroachment, then only such as would be more than offset by additional revenue for the national economy. Thus charters out of the U.S., El Al's most lucrative market, are restricted to the West Coast, while those from West Germany are deferred until 1977 to allow the national carrier time to enter the charter market there.

Outside of the U.S. Pacific Coast, no large Jewish centre either in North America or Europe has been included in the Heth proposals — a deliberate omission which has caused some dismay in tourist trade circles.

This is likely to cause an outcry among the main Jewish communities — in the U.S., Britain and France — who have long complained that a great many of their members cannot afford the airfare to Israel. Despite these remaining restrictions, however, it must be said that the Committee proposals open up sufficient new ground to permit a meaningful experiment on the feasibility of charter operations in Israel.

Meanwhile, the opening of Eilat to direct charters from all points has already proved to be a signal success, and further development of tourist traffic to the Red Sea port seems to be limited only by the ability of its airfield to accommodate all the Super Caravelles wanting to land holiday-makers from Europe — not to speak of larger aircraft. Similarly, the Heth Committee's listing of Jerusalem for so-called "City Tour" charters from all points could be a boon to the capital.

## READERS' LETTERS

### MERCHANT MARINE DISREGARDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Although some recent news items have alluded to the existence of a seafaring profession in Israel, the general public knows little about its importance and its problems. There seems to be a deliberate blackout in the media on the subject. Only sensational news of strikes and lawbreaking is publicized, mostly in a prejudiced way.

Various popular programmes on TV and radio, which often present the strangest occupations, professions and human types, never include anybody connected with the Merchant Marine, although this country is for all practical purposes an island and all its trade of any consequence is carried by sea. The best example of this attitude was the Minister of Defence's latest edit: Merchant seamen, who carried all supplies under the most adverse conditions since the establishment of the state, were not to be awarded the Yom Kippur War ribbon.

This general indifference of all those in authority at the highest level has contributed towards demoralization in the fleet. Officers who, for many years, believed their work to be important enough to be proud of it and who sacrificed a great deal to preserve and safeguard ships and cargo, have been rebuffed by bureaucracy, indifference and sometimes unpunished vandalism. No support in maintaining discipline and proper safe working routine was obtained from shipowners, who tried to buy peace by paying for imaginary work, or from the Ministry of Transport, which is responsible for enforcing the law, or from the ratings' union, which should be interested in the future of the fleet. Those responsible either avoided the issues or took the wrong side.

It is high time to arouse the country's consciousness to the fact that, without a viable Merchant Marine, our lifelines will easily be cut in any future emergency.

Haifa. CAPTAIN T. SINGER

### JERUSALEM RAILWAY STATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The Jerusalem Post reports under date of February 8 that the Israel Railways Administration is planning major repairs on several stations, including extensive work on the one in Jerusalem.

Perhaps instead of investing in the planned rebuilding, some thought should be given to the feasibility of moving the Jerusalem Station some 1,800 metres southward, where it could be relocated in the relatively open area adjacent to the Talpiot Industrial Zone. Careful consideration might reveal a decided cost benefit resulting from the change. In addition to the following obvious advantages:

1. It would free the present station area for development as a continuation of the park which enhances the Yemin Moshe area, with inestimable benefit to Baka's and the German Colony, both in need of planned open public space.
2. It would eliminate the two grade crossings now existing within the city, with their attendant inconvenience and hazard.
3. It would afford the possibility of a low cost solution to the dangerous traffic condition which is developing along Emek Refaim Street in recent years. Emek Refaim could become one way southerly, while the close-by railroad right of way would provide a parallel northbound route from Ben Zakai Street to Bethlehem Road, where it would rejoin the existing traffic pattern.
4. The proximity of the new station and yards to the Talpiot Industrial Zone would make it a simple matter to provide siding service directly to factory loading platforms. This would eliminate an intermediate trucking operation to a freight loading terminal, and might by that very economy encourage the use of rail freight for a considerable amount of cargo now being transported on the highways.

ABRAHAM SCHECHTER

The Jerusalem Master Plan calls for moving the Jerusalem Railway Station to Malkha in southern Jerusalem, twice the distance Mr. Schechter suggests. — Ed. J. P.

### MISTAKEN IDENTITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I would like to draw your attention to a mistake in Mendel Kohansky's article, "Very effective theatre" (February 13). In this review, of Arthur Miller's play he speaks about Lydia as being Chris Keller's fiancée. In fact, Lydia Lubov is merely a neighbour of the Kellers. Anne Deever is the fiancée.

DEBBIE STAVSKY (12 grader)

Jerusalem  
Mendel Kohansky comments:  
Thank you for drawing attention to my error. Critics, like anybody else, are apt to make mistakes, no matter how careful they are.

### TEMPLE SOUND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — An Israeli friend of mine has just sent me a clipping of your report, "Sound of the Temple is restored" (February 11), according to which Dr. Israel Adler deprecated my system of reconstructing melodies used in the Jerusalem Temple service 2,000 years ago. While he did hear the music three years ago and found it admirable (and not only he, but many other outstanding musicians), he is not acquainted with the historical study which backs up my research, for the very simple reason that he has not yet read my book on the subject which the publishing firm of Robert Dumars, Paris, is bringing out shortly. His opinion, therefore, seems to be premature.

SUZANNE HAIK VANTOURA  
Paris.

### BOOST TO EXPORTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I want to thank you very much for your article of February 10 on smoked salmon in Israel. Due to this article, we have already received enquiries for export.

Your newspaper is always a must in our house.  
Thank you again for your article and thank you for your help to new immigrants.

DAVID SCHATNER, Manager  
Rita Fish Industries Ltd.

## VIEWPOINT

FOR NEARLY FIVE months debate has continued on both the amount of the minimum wage and the criteria used to determine it. Discussion started last year when Knesset members Jack Amir and Meir Cohen submitted a Parliamentary query, asking why there were so many wage-earners among welfare recipients.

Mrs. Amir and Cohen had pinpointed a major fault in Israel's economic and social policy: Thousands of hard-working wage earners are forced to become welfare cases, because the monthly minimum wage in many industries is lower than monthly public assistance payments. Over 28 per cent of Israel's 38,969 welfare grant recipients in 1974/75 were working poor, mostly breadwinners with large families.

How did this situation arise? What led to the utilisation of welfare payments as a government subsidy to low-paying industries, to the artificial swelling of welfare roles, and the stigmatisation of thousands of hard-working Israelis?

The minimum wage in Israel has generally been negotiated between the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association. Unlike welfare payments, which are tied by law to a level of 40 per cent of the average wage — the minimum wage is unlinked to any index, is not defined by law, is fixed only during wage agreements held every few years, and thus does not increase automatically in-between.

The size of the minimum wage depends upon the social consciousness of the Histadrut, public pressure, and the bargaining ability of Histadrut officials via a vis the Manufacturers. It is a sad comment that in the area of determining basic wages for low income groups, the

Thousands of hard-working wage earners have gone on the dole because the minimum wage is often lower than monthly welfare grants. This has been caused by the Histadrut's failure to negotiate a linked minimum wage, writes Eliezer Jaffe.

## Defeat of the minimum wage

Histadrut has been an exceptionally poor advocate. While the Histadrut insists on being the sole bargaining agent for workers' salaries (and indeed, it established the first minimum wage in 1972), the Histadrut has neglected to tie the minimum wage to any economic index. This results in a mockery of minimum wage "bargaining" because of the rate of inflation.

The plight of the working poor has become so serious in the past few months that Mrs. Shoshana Arbeli-Almoulin, Chairman of the Knesset Labour Committee, and several other committee members began pressing for legislation to tie the minimum wage to a level of about 60 per cent of the average wage. This would mean an automatic, floating increase pegged nearly 20 per cent above welfare payments, so that no full-time worker would have to rely on welfare payments.

Mrs. Almoulin's plan, of course, would remove bargaining power and caretaker status over the working poor from the Histadrut for the first

time. This concept was taken as an insult and threat to the Histadrut, and heavy pressure was brought to bear against legislating an automatic, self-revising minimum wage.

THE POWER STRUGGLE to save Histadrut prestige and to preserve its bargaining territory persisted, despite evidence presented to the Knesset by the National Insurance Institute showing the minimum wage in 1975 actually fell below that of welfare payments. The "price" of Histadrut prestige was paid for by the working poor, who were forced into the stigma of supplementing their income by requests for welfare payments.

Without an automatic, legislated minimum wage, the result is that inflation inevitably causes the poverty line (i.e. the automatically increasing welfare rate) to become, in effect, the minimum wage. For example, in April 1974 the negotiated minimum wage stood at 46 per cent of the average wage that year. While other wages climbed, the pre-fixed

minimum wage in November, 1975 had dropped because of inflation to 39 per cent of the average wage — a drop of seven per cent with no retroactive corrections or changes until the next round of wage negotiations.

It should be noted that many families whose income from salaries falls just a few percentage points below the welfare rates (i.e. 40 per cent of the average wage, or IL1,150 for a family of four in April 1976) usually do not apply to the welfare office for supplementary assistance; because of the bureaucratic red tape, social implications and loss of pride involved in such applications.

The Knesset decision last month not to legislate a guaranteed minimum wage, and to leave the issue to the Histadrut was a terrible error and a poor showing for those Knesset members who backed down from their social responsibility in favour of political expediency. It is a shame we do not yet have direct elections in Israel, and that working poor are not yet organized into a viable lobby. If either of these elements had existed, we would not have witnessed the travesty just perpetrated on thousands of hard-working Israelis.

The next time someone gets excited and incited when reading about the increase in welfare rolls (which are sure to come), let him think twice about who put them there. For these hard-working poor, social work "rehabilitation" is a cynical joke. And all this in a society which exalts and exhorts the sanctity of labour and the "rights" of the worker.

Dr. Jaffe is on the faculty of the School of Social Work of the Hebrew University, was Director of the Welfare Department of the Jerusalem Municipality, and is a co-founder of ESHAVI, the Association of Large Families in Israel.



Shmuel Tamir addresses a Free Centre convention in 1973.

From a founding member of Herut, Shmuel Tamir has turned into one of its chief opponents. The leader of the Free Centre blames Herut for failure to change with the times, and for preventing party reform.

## TAMIR vs. HERUT

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percentage of Israel's population). What I am concerned about is Jewish existence. It's no use arguing over split milk. Under present-day conditions, the prospect of Jewish rule over Eretz Yisrael in its historical borders seems impossible. But at least we can achieve peace."

BECAUSE THE LIKUD follows Herut it has the chance of joining the Government at this time. The motto of the Labour keymen, Tamir feels, is: "All are welcome — except Rahav and Herut."

Although he was one of the founders of Herut, soon after the establishment of the State of Israel, Tamir now opposes Herut for its opposition to electoral change — a change he regards as the only way to give the country a new leadership on the Western pattern. He favours a

system in which the members of parliament are responsible not to the party machine but to the voter.

The "de-politicisation of everyday life" is Tamir's goal. Health services, housing, settlement, education, sport — all these should be administered on a non-partisan basis.

Tamir visibly frets under his present partnership. The harassment the Free Centre suffers in the Likud! The curtailment of speaking time is nothing compared to the weakening of promises. The chairmanship of the Knesset Economic Committee, for instance, was to have been transferred to Free Centre in the mid-term of the Knesset. But, using as an excuse the splitting up of Free Centre into two factions last year, the Likud Executive ruled that the Free Centre was no longer entitled to that post.

"That is why some of our members are urging us, the Knesset members, to break with the Likud," says Tamir.

"And will you?"  
"I don't know. Wait and see."  
"Will you, perhaps, try to join the Liberals in some sort of alignment, so as not to be isolated in the Likud?"

"Nothing is impossible. After all, I was among the first to advocate a merger between the Liberals and Herut. It is the large groupings that make history."

THAT IS WHY he would prefer "the coalescence of the Likud," that is, removing all obstacles and choosing a common leadership in free elections. But this is apparently ruled out by the old-timers' "traditional imperiousness to reform."

There is, however, still another course of action open to political independents, Tamir hints. "The divisions created by modern problems out across the existing parties, which were formed in the 1950s." Had it been possible to reshuffle the political set-up completely, Tamir might perhaps find his place in the front row. But the laws of History are somewhat different from the legal codes that Tamir handles so dexterously when he is pleading a case in court.



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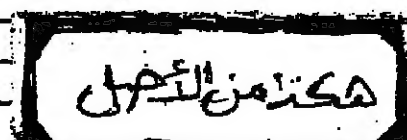
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## Dry Bones



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### Against U.S. arms supplies to Egypt

DAYAN (Histadrut) writes on U.S. arms supplies to Egypt: "The protest by Israel Ambassador Simha Dinitz in Washington, the opposition from Jewish organizations in the U.S. and the struggle by Israel's supporters in Congress indicate that the administration is liable to encounter more opposition than it bargained for when it approved the sale of Hercules aircraft a few weeks ago. Since

the warnings issued by Israel through diplomatic channels have fallen on deaf ears, there was no alternative but to attempt to thwart the administration's initiative by mobilizing all of Israel's friends and supporters in the U.S." However, the paper hopes the campaign will not deteriorate to hysteria or go beyond the legitimate limits.

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